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Nobel Peace Prize winner to speak at college Feb. 18

Toronto appeal for Peace

Mairead Corrigan-Maguire, one of four women in the world to have won the Nobel Peace Prize, will speak about the Toronto appeal for Peace on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 3:30 p.m. in the Hamilton Room at Niagara College's Welland campus.

The Toronto Appeal for Peace is a plea to governments around the world to divert excessive military expenditure towards enhancing civilian quaility of life.

Ms. Maguire, from Northern Ireland, won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977 for striving, through peaceful means, to end the violence in Belfast between Irish Catholics and Protesants.

Ms. Maguire, a victim of violence, suffered personal injury and the loss of three nieces and her sister.

She has been honored with an honorary doctorate form Yale University, the Norweigan People's Prize for high achievement.

As a director of the World Council for Global Co-operation, Ms. Maguire co-authored the appeal with three other Nobel Peace Prize winners and Niagara College professor James Nicholas. Mr. Nicholas is the International Secretary of the World Council and was instrumental in bringing Ms. Maguire to the college.

MAIREAD CORRIGAN-MAGUIRE

SAC witholds pay

By SUE JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Student Administration Council has voted to hold back half of the social convener's honorarium for the last two weeks.

Glenna Hanson was not putting in the required amount of hours to be eligible for an honorarium, SAC executive members were told at the Monday morning meeting.

Because she is a co-operative student, she has been doing work from home and not making herself available for SAC duties.

Ms.Hanson was ill for two days last week and missed two council meetings. She did not notify anyone of her absence, SAC members were told.

"It's a matter of principle, it's not a matter of begrudging," said Chris Smith, vice-president athletics, who supported SAC's decision to deny half of her honorarium worth approximately $55.

Eric Hitchcock, president of SAC agreed with Mr.Smith but a second recommendation was needed to carry the motion.

Ms. Hanson said she believed the decision was fair.

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Copyright agreement

Newspapers public service not profit source: Johnston

By ABIGAIL KELLY
Staff Writer

A royalty payment agreement between CanCopy and the Ontario Ministry of Education has opened the door to negotiations for a similar agreement with the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

CanCopy, the non-profit organization which collects royalty payments on behalf of Canadian publishers and authors, signed an agreement to pay a blanket $2-million fee annually to cover payments on documents photocopied for use in Ontario elementary and secondary schools.

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada is negotiating with CanCopy, on behalf of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. Trish Labonte, Niagara College's head librarian, said the agreement is a step in the right direction. It would ease the burden on faculty and "eliminate countless letters of authorization," Ms. Labonte said. Such a contract would have minimal impact on students. However, teachers would be able to photcopy documents without hesitation of violating copyright laws.

Thompson Newspapers has not signed with CanCopy and are strongly opposed to the agreement. In a news release Michael Johnston, Thompson president and chief executive officer, said Thompson Newspapers supports the educational use of newspapers as a free public service, not "considered a revenue source by newspaper publishers."

The Welland Tribune and the Niagara Falls Review, both Thompson papers, encourage and endorse the free photocopying of their papers. "Schools are encouraged to photocopy and use our newspaper," Jim Palmateer, managing editor of the Niagara Falls Review, said.

The independently-owned St. Catharines Standard views the agreement in a similar fashion. Kevin Cavanaugh, assistant managing editor, said the agreement sounds ludicrous and shortsighted for newspapers.

$15,000 in software donated

After successfully completing a 45-hour precision estimating course, 21 Niagara College construction enginering technology students received a software package worth $500, donated by the Timberline Company of Oregon, at a presentation on Jan. 24.

Tony Backler, director of the technology division, and Hans Miethig, part-time construction engineering technology instructor, awarded students the software package called "Precision Estimating Light" and a certificate of achievement.

The course, which was offered to fifth-term students for the first time in Sept. 1991, gives them an opportunity to intensify their knowledge in computerized estimating. The Timberline Co. provided a variety of required software valued at over $15,000 to make the updating of this important skill possible for Niagara College students.

Mr. Miethig, who was the coordinator of the construction engineering technology program until 1990, said graduates may have a better opportunity to get jobs with the skills they acquire from the course. "We (Niagara College) are in the forefront with respect to the local construction industry."

Graduates of the program find positions as draftspersons and designers in architectural, consulting and municipal engineering offices. For most of these jobs, a solid knowledge of the principles in construction estimating and pricing is a necessary requirement.

Hans Miethig, centre, construction engineering technology instructor, presents a $500 Timberline software package to Dan Huinink, left, and Chris Draayer, two of 21 students who successfully completed a 45-hour precision estimating course.

Photo By Cathy Watt

Help Epilepsy Niagara

By SANDRA GOLDEN
Staff Writer

By saving store receipts, pop cans and labels you may be able to help a worthy cause.

First-year Educational Resource and Special Needs (ERSN) students, Darlene Yatos and Diana Distasi, organized a fund raiser for Epilepsy Niagara and are asking students and faculty at the college for help.

They are raising funds through CJRN, a radio station in Niagara Falls. The station has an annual

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contest where clubs are invited to save labels, pop cans and store receipts. The things saved are worth Community Club Awards (CCA) points and can turn into cash if a club accumulates enough points to beat its competitors. There are weekly prizes and a final prize at the end of the 13 weeks.

Epilepsy Niagara has won first place in one of the two weeks so far with a prize of $125.

Envelopes stapled to bulletin boards around the college are accompanied by a picture of a puppy dog or leprechaun, drawn by first-year ERSN student Brenda Denyes. Students and faculty interested can put their store receipts or labels in the envelopes.

"We're not asking anyone to go into their pockets"

Ms. Yates

We're not asking anyone to go into their pockets," said Ms. Yates. "We're just asking them to save their packages and receipts."

ERSN students are saving receipts from Avondale and The Food Terminal stores.

If you buy anything from Avondale that is advertised on their flyer, circle the item on the cash tape before you donate it. It earns bonus points. Every dollar spent at Avondale amounts to 100 Community Club Award points. The points are doubled with receipts from Sunday to Tuesday.

The Food Terminal receipts earn 10,000 bonus points for cash tapes from Monday to Wednesday. Each dollar spent at Food Terminal is worth 100 CCA points.

ERSN is also asking for empty Coke Classic cans, and labels or packaging from the following projects; National Sea Products - Highliner Fish and Chips, Beatrice food or dairy products, Schneiders meats, Sweet Ripe Tetra Drinks, Humpty Dumpty potato chips, and the following Kraft foods; Philly Dips, Magic Moments Pudding, Pourable Dressing and Handy Snacks. The product packaging vary in their value. Any packaging can be dropped off at S103 in the Welland campus where special containers will be provided.

The Epilepsy Association of Niagara works with volunteers and raises all its own funds. One function of the association is going to schools in Niagara Region to talk about Epilepsy. When speaking at schools, the association uses handouts to distribute to students.

The main purpose of the fundraising is to buy literature for handouts. Currently because of lack of funds, the organization has no updated literature.

"Epilepsy Niagara serves all of Niagara," said Barbara Lochhead, president of the organization. "Two per cent of the population is affected by epilepsy. They may not all be members but they use the association to get information."

The office opened on Nov. 1, 1991. Previously, the agency operated from various homes but it wasn't wheelchair accessible and the organization did not have a phone number.

Mrs. Lochhead said the association raised $1,150 last year.

We appreciate what they (ERSN students) are doing," she said. She said the association depends on fundraising.

Although the staff is volunteer they still must pay rent and phone bills. If they need videos they must pay for them and if they need to show videos they must borrow a television and a VCR.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Darlene Yates or Diana Distasi in S103 at the college or by calling the Welland campus and asking for Ext 7709.

Epilepsy Niagara is located at 266 Division St., Welland or can be reached by telephoning 735-6143.

Bits'n bytes, apples'n mice

An apple and a mouse may not seem related but they are to members of the new Macintosh Users Group at Niagara College.

Macintosh computers, produced by Apple Computers, are very user-friendly, and have a lot to offer. That is exactly why the MAC Users Group was established — to share and learn about the different existing Macintosh programs.

Ed Wilson, the college's consultant for human resources development, is the temporary co-ordinator of the group. "A wide range of people from the college come to the meetings," he said. Mr. Wilson estimates about 15 people have joined, and stresses the group is open to everyone.

"It's an information sharing group," said Mr. Wilson, explaining most members are practical users, while one or two members are knowledgeable regarding the software. As Mr. Wilson spoke of the group, flying toasters appeared on his computer screen. "Oh — that's a screen saver," he said, changing it to a school of fish. It is not difficult to see the computers can also be a lot of fun.

"One purpose of the group is to share information on training conferences and catalogues," said Mr. Wilson. He explained most Macintosh training programs are mainly offered in large centres, such as Toronto and Ottawa, and they are very expensive.

Another purpose for the group is to lend support to a dedicated Macintosh classroom/laboratory, particularly for programs such as Fashion Arts, Journalism-Print, Broadcast Radio, Television and Film and Visual Arts.

"Mac users want to learn how to do things," Mr. Wilson said. He said he knows there wouldn't be difficulty in filling the Macintosh training classes and labs, if they were offered by Continuing Education. That is something that may very well happen in the future, said Mr. Wilson.

"You can do marvellous things on a Mac, and it's actually enjoyable," he said.

To join the MAC Users Group, go to the next meeting on Feb. 25 at 8:30 a.m. in the Round Room, at the top of the stairs in the Welland campus library.

SAC rules change

The constitution of the Student Administrative Council contains many articles which have been ignored or neglected because they are either out of date or SAC matters are more easily handled without them.

SAC president Eric Hitchcock and Betty Lou Dimattio, SAC liaison, have started a process to amend the constitution. They hope to simplify and revise it according to its present needs. The proposed amendments must be passed by SAC's Board of Directors before being voted on by the student body. The present constitutional violations may not be addressed.

Sac constitution violations include:

— The SAC executive consists of five students instead of the seven positions outlined by the constitution.

-- No by-election was held for the recently vacated position of executive vice-president. Instead, SAC decided to contravene the constitution and wait until the next general election to fill the office.

— SAC has not had a general meeting this year with the student population, and they have not had an open annual general meeting in several years.

— The office of vice-president of finance was never filled in the last election and the position has remained vacant since.

— A full-time bookkeeper has efficiently kept financial records, but other duties such as posting financial statements have not occurred. This duty is embedded in the constitution. The disbursement of monies and financial signing authority, have arbitrarily become the responsibility of other executive members.

Help others to see

White Cane Week is nearly over, but the Canadian National Institute for the blind wants to change society's thinking about the blind and visually impaired all year round.

The annual kickoff meeting for White Cane Week was held on Monday at Parkway Inn, St. Catharines. A number of local celebrities and politicians were on hand to lend their support to this C.N.I.B. which has a tradition dating back to 1946. The theme for this year's campaign is "Access to Information."

Stacy Heady-Komenda, district co-ordinator for the C.N.I.B. compared a blind person seeking to stay informed to a sighted person trying to read a book with 80 per cent of the pages missing.

The proper access to information will help to "bridge the gap" between the blind and the sighted, he said.

The C.N.I.B.states its goal as the"prevention of blindness" and "working to meet the needs of the visually impaired." The C.N.I.B. involves itself with fundraising projects and offers a wide variety of services to the blind and visually impaired.

For imformation, or to volunteer your time or money, telephone the C.N.I.B at (416) 688-0022

'92-93 enrolment up 10 per cent

Enrolment for the upcoming '92-93 year is up despite proposed tuition increases and provincial government cutbacks.

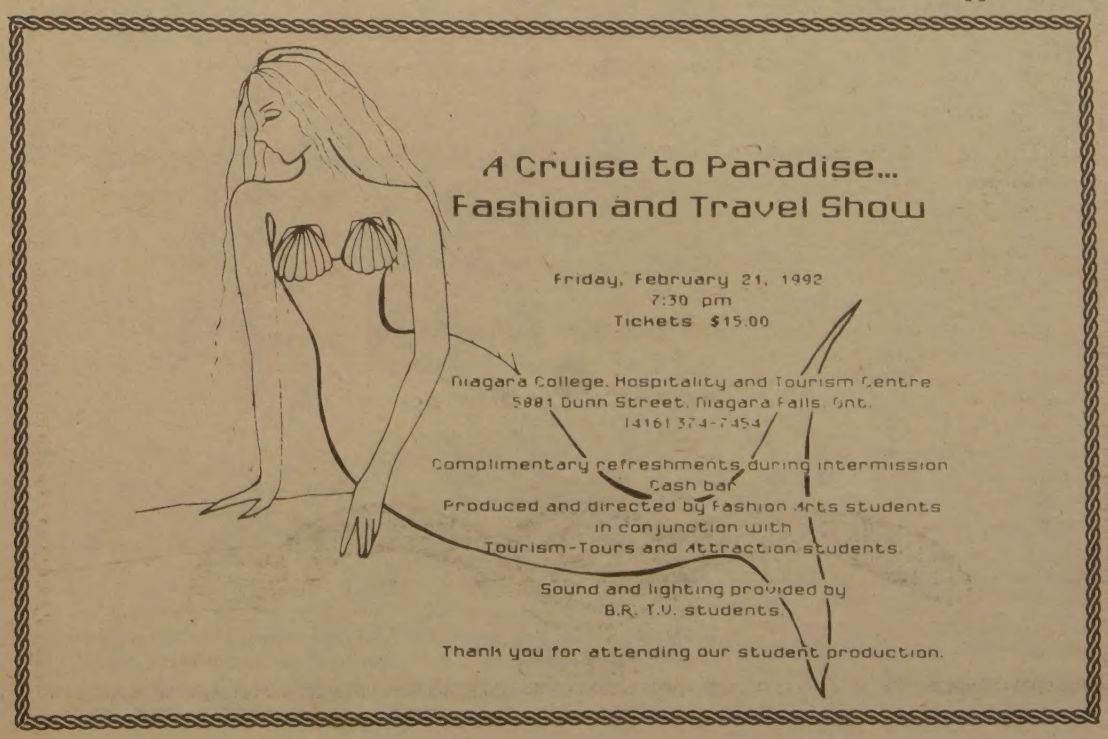
Approximately 4,550 full-time students enrolled — an increase of 10 per cent over this year.

Ivar Noren, college registrar, said he is taking into consideration the fact this year was a "bumper crop", and many of these students are moving forward to second year.

There is an increase of two or three per cent in the number of the first-year students.

Mr. Noren said he doesn't believe the $56 tuition hike is a deterrent. Many of these students wouldn't have known about the increase at the time application was made, he said.

"A college education is still a bargain in the overall scheme of things."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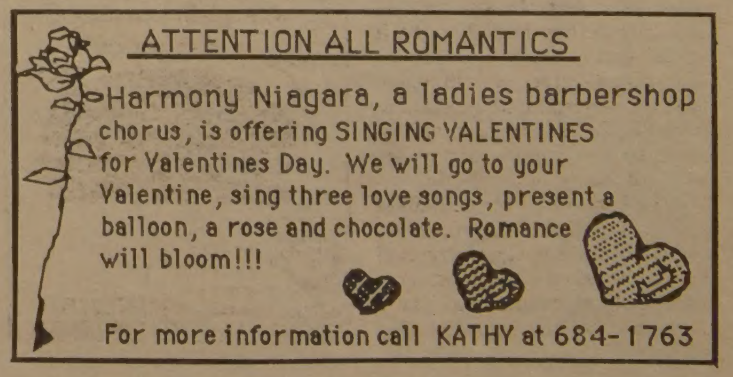
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Breath of life

Donor lungs in short supply

By LYNN DRAPEAU
Staff Writer

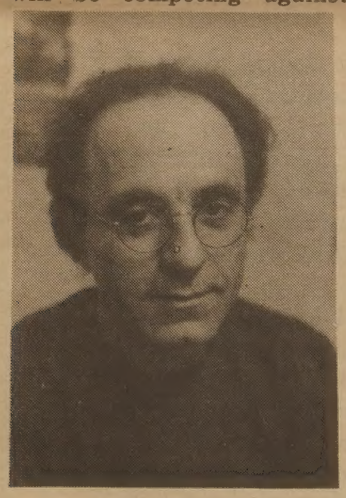
How would it feel to be terminally ill with only a short time to live? How would it feel to be waiting endlessly for someone to die in order to attain lungs in order to survive? How would it feel to be told there is no guarantee someone in such a condition will even make it into the operating room?

Elias Petras, a second- and third-year film instructor in Broadcast Radio, Television and Film department, answers these questions by showing how terminally ill patients deal with their fate and trials in an hour-long documentary *Transplant, The Breath of Life,* which he produced and directed.

"One of the things I wanted to do with this film was get behind the numbers . . . get across the importance of life," Mr. Petras said.

Mr. Petras' documentary has been nominated for the Donald Brittain Award (best documentary program) and for best direction in an Information / Documentry Program or series category for the 1992 Gemini Awards. The awards will be presented March 6, 7 and 8.

Transplant, The Breath of Life will be competing against



ELIAS PETRAS

documentaries about whales, white man versus the Inuit and television and media around the world.

The documentary has been broadcast on TVOntario, Knowledge Network and Access Network in Alberta and will be broadcast in the fall on Public Broadcasting System's Nova series and SCN in Saskatchewan. The film is being distributed around the world by the National Film Board. There are copies in Finland, Hong Kong and Taiwan. It is also being screened in Europe and Austria, but Mr. Petras does not know if they have bought it yet, he said.

The documentary was filmed in 1989, and an updated version, in which Mr. Petras shows what happened to the people two years later, will soon be available.

In the film, Mr. Petras focuses on three people and their families. It shows actual surgery and real doctors making vital decisions under critical conditions. There was a group of 15 people enrolled in Toronto General Hospital's lung transplant program, and of those, seven died.

"Those people that died, died waiting," said Mr. Petras sadly.

The documentary took three years to complete.

Mr. Petras came up with the idea of the documentary after hearing about a double lung surgery at the Toronto General Hospital and thought that was a great idea for a documentary. A struggle between life and death makes for a very dramatic film, he said.

After coming up with the idea, Mr. Petras spoke to the medical team and requested permission to research it, which took several months to accomplish. Once researched, he wrote a script.

'Those people that died, died waiting'

Script in hand, he then went to find funding sources. He went to places such as government film agencies, the National Film Board, TVOntario and Vision TV.

He worked with a budget of $420,000.

When working with the patients, a couple of them died during the making of the film. "For me, in that sense, it was a learning experience," Mr. Petras said.

He said he learned, "the little things in life are very important. Life is precious and too often we take it for granted." He found that during the time spent making the film, he got close to his subjects, and remains in contact with some of them.

The documentary is a co-production of Camera One Films, Mr. Petras' company, and the National Film Board. The film board put up 60 per cent of the budget of the film and gained distribution rights outside North America.

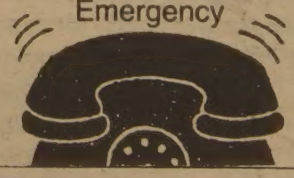
Mr. Petras found the time to do his film during his one-year sabbatical from the college in 1988-89. Now, he teaches a reduced load three days a week and is working on a couple of new ideas.

After making the documentary, Mr. Petras wants people to realize the significance of signing organ donor cards on the back of every driver's licence. "People don't want to recognize their own mortality," he said, "but it could save someone else's life."

If there's a pain in your chest, be a pain in the neck.

Complain to a doctor.

Emergency



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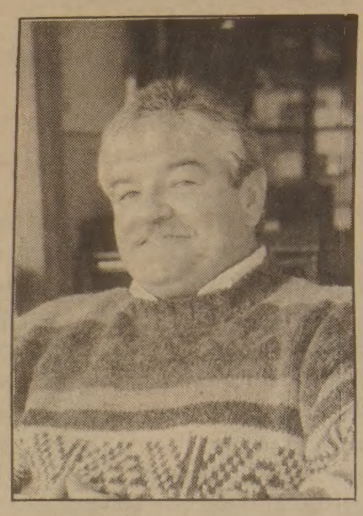
'It's a career...to find a job'

By CATHY WATT
Staff Writer

Despite the recession, Employment and Immigration Canada reports a severe shortage of skilled labor in a list of occupations in demand for 1992. However, graduates of Niagara College's technical program may face a tough job market if they are unprepared.

Dave Robinson, a counsellor in Co-operative Education and Career Services since 1987, said the need for technically skilled people "will not go away." He said the current economy poses a "minor setback" for students seeking employment. "There's a hidden network—highly skilled jobs aren't always advertised. Graduates will have to be aggressive and flexible, willing to explore other courses to get a better understanding of the business community."

Mr. Robinson said the skilled labor shortage originates at the high school level. Students considering apprenticeship programs could be discouraged by counsellors with no technical



DAVE ROBINSON

'the doors are closed in Canada'

background, he said. "The doors are closed in Canada — students get little or no direction on how to become a journeyman or technician."

Mr. Robinson said high school programs should be restructured, combining technical courses with apprenticeships, and guaranteeing students admission to college programs after graduation. Their apprenticeship program could be continued in college co-op.

Although Mr. Robinson admitted "there's a lot of doom and gloom talk," he said times are changing. "Sometimes we're (the college) out of touch with businesses. For any program to be successful, it must be driven by industry." However, he said the college is "listening and watching" to be aware of technological advancements and adapt programs to changes in skill developments.

Co-operative Education and Career Services assists students with resumes and applications, as well as helping them pursue job opportunities. The department boasts a high success rate of graduate placement in technical fields over the years. However, Mr. Robinson said graduates face a challenge as they enter the highly competitive skilled labor market. "It's a career in itself to find a job."

Niagara College Bookstore

Here's whats new at the Bookstore!

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What's your value to society ?

Are there people whose lives are more valued by society than others? Whether or not anyone admits to it — there are.

Go to the movies and observe the reaction when a police officer, commonly referred to as a 'cop', is killed.

"He's in for it now — he killed a cop."

"They'll definitely catch him, he's a cop-killer."

Get the picture?

There is no doubt in anyone's mind that because the victim was a cop the perpetrator will be caught — and punished — to the full extent of the law.

But what if that victim had been the mother of six children?

Reactions to the death of the average citizen differ greatly in fiction and in fact. A general opinion of how heinous the crime was is a given but with a startling difference. The general public hopes the killer will be caught; but generally they are unaffected by the crime. As well, investigations are undertaken within the usual confines of time and money. However, when a cop is killed, the real action starts. The general public rises up in anger, and at police headquarters, manpower on investigations double and triple; commissioners go on record as saying the police will go to any limits to catch the killer; presidents and prime ministers comment to the media on their role in support of the investigation.

Some would argue that cops protect society and therefore this reaction is not only normal, but also correct.

Is either one of these deaths really more important than the other?

One has to suppose that the family of the hypothetical mother of six feels the same grief as the family of the slain officer.

It's vitally important for our future to become aware of such inconsistencies and correct them before we do ourselves an injustice.

Carol Anne Hunt

Letter to the Editor

Another new perspective for Canada's future

Dear Editor:

It is said that Canada is in the worst economic condition since the Great Depression.

First of all, Canadians enjoy the second highest standard of living among the 24 major industrialized countries worldwide. We are ranked second to Japan in terms of our quality of life, which is due mainly to the reliance on abundant natural resources which we possess.

But, this reliance could spell trouble in a new global environment, since our resource strength gives us no guarantee of maintaining the high quality of life we know today.

Secondly, the current recession has had an impact on the quality of life of many Canadians, not only in Ontario but throughout the country. In Ontario alone the recession has left almost 76,000 businesses bankrupt, and 260,000 people without jobs.

Ontario's industrial base is being hollowed out as a result of government policies, a global restructuring, and the free trade agreement with the United States. More than one million people — that's one in 10 Ontarians — now collect welfare, and with a staggering national unemployment rate of 1.5 million, that number is sure to increase.

Finally, here are a few possible strategies government at all levels should consider to kick start the troubled economy:

— let the rate of our dollar fall to allow our exports to become more competitive against foreign producers;
— provide tax break incentives;
— boost consumer confidence to increase spending;
— allow stores to open Sundays and compete with malls in American border towns;
— cut the red tape that is needlessly tieing up job-creating projects.

In sum, to call this downturn a depression is to recognize its severity. So far, Ottawa has refused to act citing a high deficit while arguing lower interest rates will do the trick. Well, obviously, to this point, it hasn't! How can our nation be strong and survive abroad in a global market if it is weak at home? The time for action is now, before it's too late!

Rod Johnson
Third-year
Operating Management

Editorials

Letter to the Editor

Time to butt out

Dear Editor,

Since you have "divine power of the media" behind you, maybe you can help me. I am extremely disgusted with Niagara College's wimpy approach to the smoking policy.

When I enter the school, there are signs that say "NO SMOKING, $500 FINE". Yet there are still dumb bozos in there smoking! I don't have to tell you that smoke plus a small enclosed space equals nausea. Teachers, the ones we look to for guidance, just walk through and look the other way. What kind of a joke is that?

When I walk out of Voyageur 1, it smells like an ashtray. My roommate got a $20 ticket, for parking on the grass (He only paid $70 to get a parking place! They should've hung him instead!) Why don't the smoking fools at least get some sort of a warning or something? Anything! How would it look if we had a high profile guest (Bob Rae for example) and there are 10 people clouding up the hallway. Not only will a person passing through the hallway smell like smoke, but it clouds their view of Niagara College. It just looks bad. I didn't pay $1,200 to put up with this garbage. If it keeps up I'm outta here.

Yours truly,
D. Sullivan

P.S. Thank-you for listening to my grievance, I don't know where else to turn, maybe you can try to follow it through.

SAC, student comradery wasted

The Student Administrative Council at Niagara College is an impotent force — unable or unwilling to influence anything on campus, never mind outside local affairs. Students are the casualties.

SAC's failure to affect college policies or to stimulate significant participation in activities can be blamed on three things: college administration handcuffing SAC self-determination; SAC executive inefficiency and gross violation of its constitution; and student apathy.

We've all heard the last excuse too many times. Blaming students for complacency blames the membership for management follies.

SAC must be a viable organization for students to use it. The SAC executive has gone through the motions, merely mimicking previous year's council events — creating no new activities, nor employing any innovative strategies to promote events, and not raising an eyebrow to combat things like tuition increases or transportation inefficiencies. The current president was actually the *runner-up for the executive vice-president* in the last election. SAC has perpetuated a fraudulant association by violating our constitution to the tune of ignoring executive positions and signing authority, and neglecting to inform students.

Monthly financial statements for all students to inspect have never been posted. In fact, the financial statements of After Hours, a major source of SAC revenue, have been withheld.

SAC is out of touch with the students they supposedly represent. They have not had a meeting with the student population in several years.

The college administration has hindered SAC from operating as an autonomous student association. The presence of several college administrators on SAC's Board of Directors grants non-students with voting power in designing student council policy. The creation of the Student Centre makes SAC dependent on the centre's manager (a college employee) for such things as entry into their own offices (prohibited on weekends and evenings).

SAC has abandoned the students by neglecting the power of association and student comradery. Beyond the education at Niagara College, we receive poor representation and minimal extracurricular activities. We remain the financial source for the college's perpetuation.

Jason Darrah

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Bullpit

Puff! Puff! Puff! in the john

Threat of $500 fine no deterrent

By MARILYN WALKINGTON
Staff Writer

I think college students are a little old to be running to the washroom for a cigarette defying rules just to be rebellious. Isn't that what high school students do?

You'd think the signs around the college denoting a "smoke-free environment" and "$500 fine for smoking" would be a deterrent for anyone, let alone an adult.

Anyone over 18 years of age should not only have enough common sense to respect the rules of a public institution, but enough common sense to respect the personal rights of others who seek enjoyment of public air — especially in the washroom. Personally, I always thought a washroom was one place where I could go to freshen up and be free if only for a moment, of polluted air without coming out smelling like a puff of smoke.

Unfortunately, people don't have a choice about using the washroom — when you gotta go, you gotta go. If there are smokers outside the doors leading into the college, or even inside the hallways, non-smokers can either use the other entrances or choose to walk through. My annoyance is not with those who choose to smoke, but with those who choose not to respect the space of those who don't.

Feel free to smoke, that's your prerogative. I'm a little concerned for you though if you are so hooked you take the chance of getting a $500 fine.

It's bad enough to disregard municipal by-laws as a personal choice, but it becomes a public offence when you're insulting other people's breathing space. Maybe it would help if you consider other smokers. It's not fair to have them deal with the extra problems you create. They probably deal with enough abuse and nagging when smoking in designated areas. Why make it worse?

Leave me alone!

By BARON BEDESKY
Staff Writer

T.F.Y.Q.A. I heard this acronym many years ago. It may not only represent a philosophy for living but can also serve as a guide to happiness and fulfilment of the human spirit. And it doesn't cost a penny.

No, I haven't been watching too many of those dreadful late-night info-mercials. The acronym was uttered by non other than Timothy Leary, the supposedly drug crazed hippie guru of the Woodstock generation.

Everywhere we look, we are told what to do, what not to do, what to wear, what to eat, buckle up, just say no to drugs, just do it, it's the right thing to do and a tasty way to do it. Enough already.

I can watch sports all day, talk about it all night, and read about it the whole day after. I enjoy it and it doesn't make me feel as if I should "start to worry." I'd like to spend an evening drinking a few beers and smoke a cigar with the guys without having it labelled as male bonding.

And just what is so god-awful about eating a thick steak and refusing to pledge allegience to the Queen of England?

People have a depressing tendency to depend on others, turning blindly for solutions to non-existent problems. Unfortunately there is no shortage of so-called geniuses out there prepared to expose all our shortcomings. What a life!

In the song 'If Six Was Nine', Jimi Hendrix said,"I'm the one who is going to die when it's time for me to die, so let me live my life the way I want to."

Oh yeah, you may be wondering about that acronym.

Think for yourself. Question authority.

Liven up your school experience, just smile

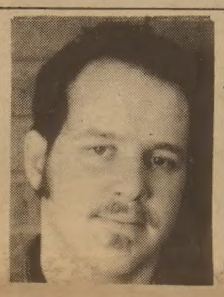
By LYNN DRAPEAU
Staff Writer

When walking through the corridors of Niagara College, people speak with friends and acquaintances, smile and laugh with people they know.

Yet rarely does one reach out to extend his or her friendship past his clique. Rarely does one nod or say hello to a passing stranger in the hallway. Rarely does one smile at a potential friend.

It's sad people feel they must remain in their individual groups. After all, aren't we here not only to attend college classes but also to enjoy our college experience?

These are supposed to be the best years of our lives. One should consider making new friends and acquaintances part of his or her total college experience. All it takes is a smile to a stranger. And although it may sound like a cliche, a smile goes a long, long way.



Rumblings

By MARK NESBITT
Staff Writer

Welcome to Canada.

Convicted murderers, check your weapons at the border please.

I'm sure we've all heard of Charles Ng, or more lately Bambi Bambenek, just two of the many questionable Canadian wannabes to hit the news in the last year or two.

Mr. Ng spent the better part of six years abusing the Canadian justice system in a unsuccessful bid to escape American authorities. He was wanted in connection with several grisly murders back home.

Ms. Bambenek escaped from an American prison and was apprehended in Northern Ontario, where she had been working as a waitress. She is a convicted murderer.

Their reason for coming to Canada?

Bambi feels she was framed and wants a fair trial. Charles didn't want to die. Canadian extradition agreements with the U.S. state that Canada may refuse to return criminals facing death penalty, as it's considered cruel and unusual punishment.

It's not just the principle of the thing. It's the money.

This agreement must be wiped from the books.Otherwise, we may soon expect to be innundated with fugitives from every corner of the world seeking the relative comfort of Canadian jails over the noose, the lethal injection or the firing squad.

It's not just the principle of the thing. It's the money. Estimates put the cost of the Ng affair at $6-million. This cost was paid by Canadian taxpayers as the Charter of Rights and Freedoms offers all comers.
tion, regardless of their ability to pay.

Bambenek's total is likely to be similarly obscene.

As mercenary as it may sound, these people are just not our problem.

The issue is not guilt or innocence. The issue is one of money. In this time of financial restraint, would it not be simpler to hand over the criminals, or those facing trial, to their respective governments and let them bear the cost?

It is not up to our justice system to rule on the validity of decisions made by others. It is not up to Canadian courts to try criminals in Canada for crimes committed outside our borders. As mercenary as it may sound, these people are just not our problem. Nor should they be encouraged to become our problem.

Charles Ng is now safely back in the hands of American law enforcement authorities. Bambi Bambenek is nearly there. It seems like we spent a lot of time and money delaying the inevitable.

These fugitives knew the punishments for their crimes when they broke their country's laws. Let them face the music at home.

And let them pay for their own damned band.

Clarification

In a report published Jan. 31, 1992 on page 15 of the Niagara News headlined Meet your board, a correction follows for the first line of the 10th paragraph, which reads: For all Niagara's secondary schools. The line should read: For Niagara's Confederation Secondary School.

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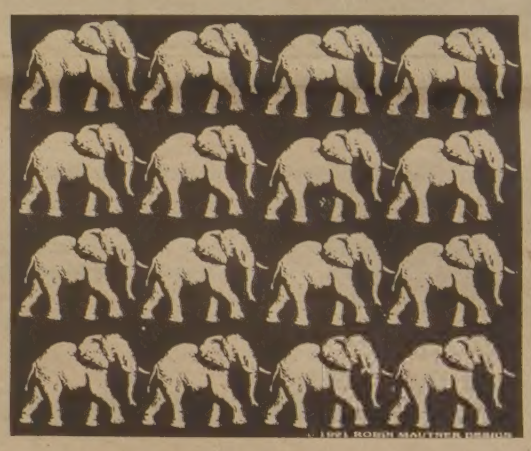

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Happy birthday!

The 25th anniversary bulletin board, located in Niagara College's Welland campus bookstore, was completed on Jan. 24. Judy Clark, left, and Sheila Witmer, who both work at the bookstore, designed the board. Get involved and help Niagara College celebrate 25 years. Visit the bookstore and purchase a 25th anniversary T-shirt or sweatshirt.

Photo By Joel Naphin

Bargains

Second-hand shopping benefits charities

By SANDRA GOLDEN
Staff Writer

Times are tough and money is tight , especially for students who have limited funds.

I am a single parent and a full-time student with only a part-time job. One way I have saved money is by shopping in second-hand stores. It saves me an incredible amount of money and it makes me feel good to know at the same time, I am contributing to a worthy cause.

But sadly one chain of stores that won't be around long is the March of Dimes Stores (fondly called Mod Shops) currently with three stores in Welland, Port Colborne and Niagara Falls. The stores are closing on March 20.

"Eleven full-time staff will be loosing their jobs," said Karen Martin, the store supervisor in Welland. "The stores are a non-profit organization and are designed to give handicapped people jobs."

She said the service is being replaced by a program called Discovery, aimed at helping the handicapped learn to use computers. However, she said the community "is going to lose a great service."

Meanwhile, the March of Dimes stores have discounted some clothes by as much as 50 per cent while jeans, pants and skirts have been reduced to $10. The stores also have furniture and kitchen wares.

I love china and crystal and have found some great glasses for only $1 each. One time I was lucky enough to find an antique table for only $20. There are a variety of books for only 25 cents each.

Ms. Martin said the Welland store will have a bag sale in March. A bag sale is when you can fill a bag for two or three dollars.

When I left the store last Friday, I had two wicker towel holders, three pairs of track pants two pair of jeans (one of them Levis straight leg) two pairs of dress pants, one skirt and a wooden jewelry box. Total bill was $10.71.

The Salvation Army has stores in Fort Erie, Grimsby, Niagara Falls, Port Colborne, St. Catharines, Thorold and Welland. The prices are reasonable: $4 for jeans and comparatively low prices for the other clothes in the store. Shoes cost $3. Blazers sell for about $5. Furniture is also reduced. Dressers in good condition cost about $30.

I bought two pairs of leather shoes, a 100 per cent cotton sweater, a blazer with trousers to match and a china cup and saucer. Total bill was $10. Proceeds, after paying the store staff, go to help recovering alcoholics and former drug addicts.

'Some people couldn't even get in and gave up.'

The Christian Benefit Stores appear to have the lowest prices. Last week, the stores sponsored one of the four bag sales they hold annually. When shopping, you get a large paper bag and can fill it up with anything in the store for only $3. Normally, their prices are low, jeans costing about $2, shirts $1, and other low prices.

The bag sale attracted more people than ever this year, said a store volunteer. "Apparently there were 70 people in here at one time last week," she said. "Some people couldn't even get in the store and gave up."

The Christian Benefit Stores are operated by the Mennonite Central Commission with proceeds going to Third World countries. The Welland and Port Colborne branches are operated by the Brethren in Christ Church. The money is channeled through the Mennonite Church.

"Last year we (Port Colborne and Welland) raised $40,000 to send to Third World countries," said the volunteer. She said everything donated to the organization gets used. What cannot be used to sell as clothing gets sold as rags for 50 cents a pound and the clothes that cannot be sold as rags are sold to a recycling company for three cents a pound.

I got two bags and among the items was a bed spread, two books, (one was dated 1898), two pairs of dress pants for my 11-year-old son, and jeans he actually liked. Total bill was $6.

The Christian Benefit chain also have stores in St. Catharines and Welland. The store in Port Colborne called Port Gift and Thrift sells items made in Third World countries. It benefits the unemployed in those countries.

Amity Goodwill Industries operates stores in St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, and Grimsby. It is a non-profit organization aimed at helping the disabled and disadvantaged adults by giving them work and training them for the work force. Amity Goodwill sells furniture, clothing and dishes at reasonable prices.

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Cruise to Paradise fashion show

Various campuses work together

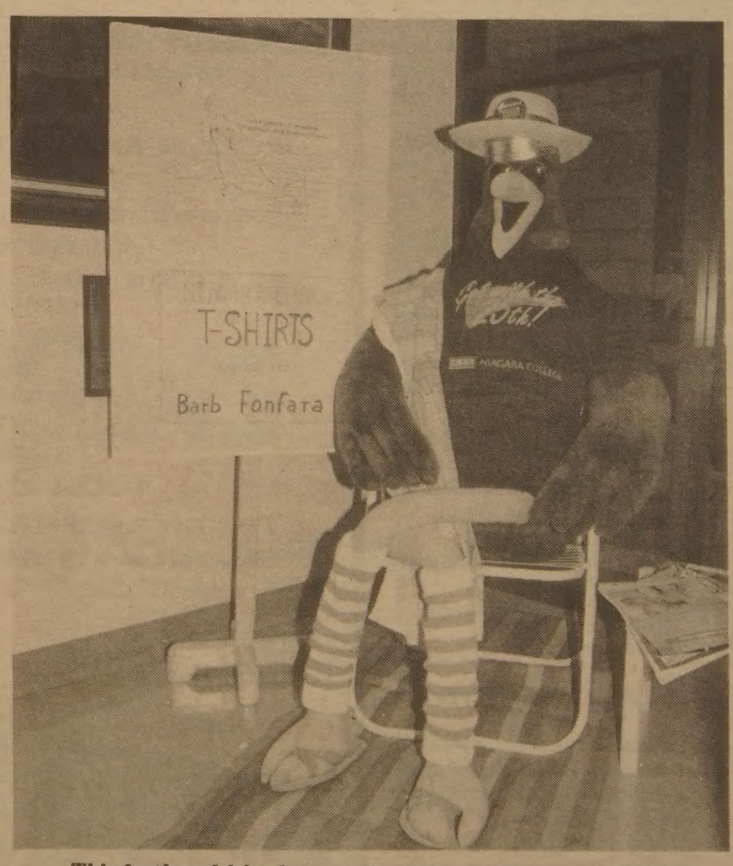
A fashion show will be held at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls Friday, Feb. 21.

A Cruise to Paradise...Fashion and Travel show, produced and directed by Niagara College fashion arts students in conjunction with Tourism Tours and Attraction students will begin at 7:30 p.m. Sound and lighting will be provided by Broadcast Radio Television and Video Film students.

"I'm excited about this particular event because it is a wonderful opportunity for students from different campuses and different programs to work together," said Barbara Fonfara, conference and seminar facilitator at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls.

A raffle will be held after the fashion show. The winner will receive a dinner dance cruise for two on the Empire Sandy.

Tickets for the fashion show cost $15 each. For more information telephone the Hospitality and Tourism Centre at (416) 374-7454.



This feathered friend sits in the library at Niagara College's Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls awaiting the fashion show on Friday, Feb. 21.

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Tourism course guides students

High school students from the Niagara South Board of Education are involved in a Tourism and Guiding course which takes place at the college's Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls.

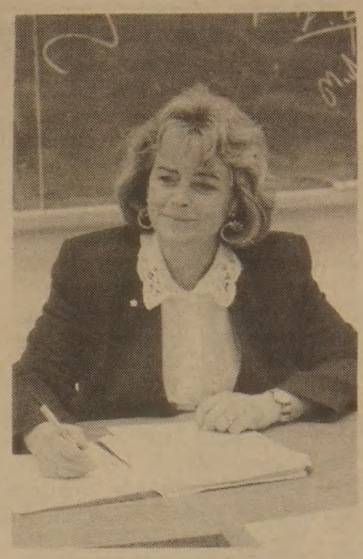
Twenty-five students from A.N. Myer, Niagara Falls Secondary School, Stamford and Westlane are registered in the Grade 11 course. The pilot program, which began Jan.30, includes classroom instruction, on-the-job training and access to college resources.

Diana Randall, instructor tourism and guiding for the Niagara South Board, said through the course "the students experience college life, the classroom and the world of work through co-op." She said she feels "There is a need for students to learn about the hospitality and tourism industry."

The first half of the course consists of an in-school component. The students will spend five days a week from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the centre. The classroom experience continues until mid-April. Areas of study include emergency First Aid, map reading, wilderness travel and the Niagara Parks Commission.

Co-op education will follow. The students will work in positions in the hospitality and tourism industry until June 8. Co-op is an attempt to assist students in making the transition from school to work and to become familiar with the realities of the labor market.

Mrs. Randall said the program will also show the students "What Niagara College has to offer."



DIANA RANDALL

Recession makes job search tough

'Positive attitude vital component'

Editor's Note: This is the first of a four-part series on successful job search techniques.

By DIANA HARRIS
Staff Writer

Planning now for a job search will help graduating students to secure employment.

However, it may take longer than the usual four months after graduation because of the recession, said Janet Forfar, Niagara College's career services officer.

Compared to two years ago, and based on the economic recession, the process for a job search is different.

"The danger of difficult times is the 'take anything attitude'," said Ms. Forfar. "This is a difficult job market at the moment, but it is not futile. Students need to search for jobs in less traditional ways. The most vital component a student can have is a positive attitude. It is irreplaceable."

Ms. Forfar and fellow career services officer, Judy Stankus, began speaking to all spring graduating classes last month. "We've had excellent response from the students. There appears to be more awareness of the need to start an earlier job search than last year," said Ms. Forfar.

After listening to the career services officers, students may set up appointments for job search counselling.

The first thing a student will be asked to do is bring in a rough copy of a resume. The next step is for the student to start an assessment of themselves using either resource books from the library or using a self-help booklet available at the Welland campus bookstore.

The 54-page booklet, Self-Assessment, written by Canadian Ysrael Daniel Gabriel, the founder and president of Directions, a company specializing in career and training development, guides the student through the several steps involved in self-assessment. The student will, through a series of written exercises, identify their strengths, weaknesses, areas of stress and transferable skills in a work environment. After completing the book, the student should have a better understanding of themselves and why they would do well in a particular job.

"Most people have a great deal of difficulty promoting themselves," said Ms. Forfar. "After working to complete the process of self-assessment, a student can project a positive self-image, an image employers are looking for."

Even though the job search this year is more student directed, the college still promotes graduates outside the college by attending trade shows and distributing pamphlets to businesses and companies, said Ms. Forfar.

The career services counselling offices are located opposite the mini-cafe at the Welland campus.

The second in the series of job searching, next week, will focus on resume writing.

Job Quest

Upgrading skills

Program opens doors to careers

By SHERI HAMILTON
Staff Writer

"Upgrading for Immigrant Engineers is the name of the newest program at Niagara College," said Bea Clarke, Director of Skills at Niagara College, adding,"the candidates for the program have already been selected."

This program is designated to update foreign immigrants' knowledge in areas such as English and other related skills. It provides training in Canadian standards and new technologies so that immigrants have a better chance at obtaining a manufacturing or technical job in Canada. Some of the training will be related to language training.

"The students will learn various skills in modern manufacturing techniques such as computer-assisted drafting and managerial operations," said Mrs. Clarke.

The program begins Feb. 10.

The idea for the program came form the Unemployment Help Centre in St. Catharines and is sponsored by the Language Employment Centre. It is being co-ordinated with the Professional Engineers Association - the accrediting group for Ontario Engineers.

The 40-week program will run at the St. Catharines campus from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Included is a 10-week segment spent in a co-op program in the manufacturing and technological industries in the region.

"The work is hands-on, and the practical experience will be a great asset for the immigrant," said Mrs. Clarke.

"The program is going to be neat and all of the staff members are very excited about it."

Workshop focuses on skilled trades

Niagara College teams up with Mohawk College and Sheridan College along with the Hamilton-Wentworth Branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association to provide a day-long workshop focussing on skilled training needs.

The workshop, Partnerships for Meeting Education and Training Needs in Changing Technology, will be held Feb. 11 at the Burlington Holiday Inn. Designed for company owners and supervisors, the workshop will discuss skilled training needs and explore ways to meet those needs.

Dr. Thomas A. Brzustowski, deputy minister for the Premier's Council on Economic Renewal, will be the keynote speaker. Herv DeJordy from the Foundation for the Advancement of Centres of Entrepreneur ship will lead a workshop called The Human Resources Development Challenge.

For more information or to register for the workshop, contact George Repar at Joint Ventures, Niagara College, (416) 641-2252.

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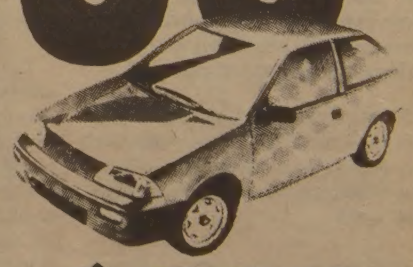
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Meet the Faces of Niagara College

On snowy days, James Lambert, maintenance handyman, grooms campus walkways on a tractor equipped with a plow and salter. Mr. Lambert is one of many workers who maintain safe winter conditions at Niagara College.

Photo By Cathy Watt

New Canadian no longer lives in fear of militaristic regime

By CAROLYN MULLIN
Staff Writer

Enu Yami has nothing but praise for the country she has come to call home. Mrs. Yami is an Ontario Basic Skills student at Niagara College from Africa who recently received two certificates for achievements in her classes. The certificates were for continuing to be a credit to the objectives of the program, and for demonstrating excellence, diligence and a positive attitude.

Mrs. Yami came from Africa in 1989 and settled in St. Catharines with her husband, Getachew, and two children.

She said she can easily love Canada because she has escaped political and economic strife in her homeland of Ethiopia, and Kenya. The militaristic communist regime of the 1980's created constant fear in those who would not openly support it, she said. Those who denied support of the government were automatically considered anti-government. Ordinary citizens lived in fear of being arrested and jailed for six months, once without explanation.

"There is no justice there," she said.

Mr. and Mrs. Yami moved to Kenya in 1986, but quickly discovered they faced new problems.

"The communist government took everything for itself and deported people. . .it was not a stable situation."

For almost two years the Yamis continually applied to the Canadian consulate to aid them in relocating. They finally received paid transportation to Canada in 1989.

> ***"It is a privilege (here) to sit or stand, or travel without papers."***
> ***Enu Yami***

With constant aid from Canadian government agencies, the Yamis were given paid accomodation, and help with daycare and schooling.

The Yamis have started to pay the government back monthly, and they will increase their instalments when they obtain full-time employment.

Mr. Yami works at a gas station part-time and attends auto mechanics courses at Westpark Secondary School.

Both Enu and Getachew held various jobs in Ethiopia and Kenya, but Enu found she needed to upgrade her English once in Canada.

Children are taught English as a language from grade one in Ethiopia, and post-secondary courses are taught solely in English. But Mrs. Yami said one soon forgets the teaching among so many other tribal languages.

Mrs. Yami said she thoroughly enjoys her class because of the evident multiculturalism. She said each respects the other's background, and instructor Norma Poole makes everyone feel they are special.

When asked what she finds the best about Canada, she unhesitatingly answered, "Peace and freedom...this might sound silly but it is a privilege to sit or stand, or travel without papers."

She said the situation in Africa has improved, and maybe she will be able to visit her family soon. She left behind a mother, father, six brothers and three sisters. However, the economy is still low. While people starve, the government exports food to import guns for controlling the population, she said.

Mrs. Yami urges Canadians to trust in Canada; look at the struggles of developing countries and *realize one must protect what one* has.

"We are asking for war instead of serving our country."

In a country struggling with constitutional and monetary problems, Mrs. Yami is a Canadian citizen who can find pleasure in things taken for granted as rights that are really privileges.

Winter road safety

Plow crews maintain campus lots, roadways

By CATHY WATT
Staff Writer

When two inches of snow fall on Niagara College grounds, the plowing crews are on the job to clear your way to the Welland campus.

Linda Maidens, building operations supervisor, said the college has contracts with two Welland companies to plow the parking lots and sand the roads at the campus.

Last year, the college's occupational health and safety officer determined the majority of winter accidents were caused by falls. Ms. Maidens said the existing snow removal standards were reassessed to maintain safer conditions on campus property.

So far this year, only one injury has been reported when a student fell during the recent ice storm, Ms. Maidens said in an interview last week.

Although she said there "haven't been many complaints" about the conditions of the parking lots, Ms. Maidens noted two problem areas on campus. The parking lot behind After Hours is one of these. The gravel surface makes it difficult to plow and it may not get cleared regularly. The staircase leading to the new parking lot off Woodlawn Road poses another problem. During icy conditions, Ms. Maidens said the traction on the stairs' surface is poor. "We try to keep them cleared and salted at all times."

College custodial staff are responsible for clearing the sidewalks, stairways and entranceways at the nine campus buildings. Ms. Maidens said $900 worth of ice melter has been used since the beginning of the season. Due to illnesses and injuries, three of her five custodians were off duty last week; however, she said staff strive to maintain safe conditions.

The college owns a tractor that clears snow and spreads salt on all college walkways. Each day before 8 a.m., James Lambert, a maintenance handyman, spends about two hours grooming the sidewalks.

Mr. Lambert, who has been working the college since 1969, said he likes his job "very much." Being exposed to freezing temperatures, he gets very cold as he tours the campus. To help keep him warm, physical resources is purchasing a cap for his tractor.

Recently, Welland City Hall contacted Ms. Maidens warning Niagara College staff and students about parking restrictions on neighboring side streets. During the day, anyone parking in a snow removal area can be towed away. Ms. Maidens sacrificed part of her lunch hour and placed handwritten warnings on several cars parked in a restricted area. "I did my best (to help)," she said.

Ms. Maidens offered advice to drivers on campus. "Remember, it's winter — be more careful and try to park as uniformly as possible . . . parking (at the college) is difficult enough."

Countdown to Wintercourse

Why haven't you signed up for Wintercourse 1992 yet?

The Student Administrative Council has planned the week of Feb. 17 to Feb. 21 as Wintercourse with activities ranging from polar bear dips to air hockey tournaments.

On Monday Feb. 17, a scavenger hunt begins at 9 p.m., while an obstacle course opens at noon.

A fee of $2 will register you for the air hockey tournament at noon on Tuesday Feb. 18. At 3:30 p.m. a euchre tournament is planned while a $2 fee enters you in a pool tournament at that same time.

The scavenger hunt ends at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19. All students are invited to party with Bob Lambert at After Hours.

A jello and ice cube eating contest takes place Thursday Feb. 20 while a game of earthball will be played outside at 12:30 p.m.

A polar bear dip has been scheduled for students at Lake Gibson on Friday Feb. 21 at noon. At 1 p.m. a snow-pitch game will be played.

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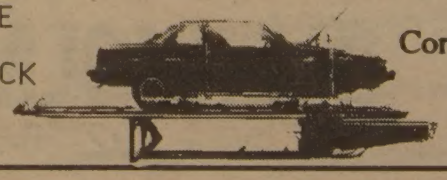
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Speech: Rae wants more native benefits

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

Visiting a Niagara native centre last week, Ontario Premier Bob Rae called for more native equality, better infrastructure on reserves and more cultural education in schools.

As part of his Jan. 30, one-day Niagara tour and accompanied by MPPs Ron Hansen (Lincoln) and Shirley Coppen (Niagara), Mr. Rae spoke at the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre.

About 50 people—nearly half of whom were natives—listened as Mr. Rae delivered his 15-minute speech in the centre, at 303 Niagara Pkwy.

Mr. Rae described native society in Canada when the first European boats arrived, saying natives had "crops, communities, laws, and government...and traded with and had cultural ties across North America."

"That first meeting was based on a sense of domination. That sense must now change to a path of equality."

We must recognize that living and working together is crucial to our future as a country."

During the first stop of his one-day tour of the region last week, at the Fort Erie Native Centre, Ontario Premier Bob Rae accepts a gift of friendship from Fort Erie Native Princess Christine Owl. The soapstone carving, created by Fort Erie native artist Dave Greene, was presented following Mr. Rae's speech. The inscription on the carving reads: "We must all respect nature if we are to survive in the world of the creator."
Photo by Doug Morton

Referring to the provincial agreement last year with the native leaders on native self-government, Mr. Rae said the "landmark agreement" has made his government committed to working with native people, "for the first time in the history of Ontario."

"The things we take for granted, the infrastructure—water, sewage and housing—is not in place in the native communities," he said.

The small audience, who filled the main floor auditorium in the old brick building overlooking the Niagara River, was attentive as Mr. Rae said the key to improving the lot of Ontario's natives lies in "reaching out" through education in the community.

"There's a lot for us to learn," he said.

"The young people in schools need to learn more about the richness of native culture."

Mr. Rae said Ontario must look to the future and "recognize more native people will be moving to urban centres."

"We must produce more centres (like the Fort Erie centre) where people (natives new to urban centres) will profit fully," from the native centres, which assist them in the transition.

Of the 27 Ontario native centres, the Niagara region has one other, the Niagara Regional Native Centre, near Niagara Falls. There are 104 native centres nationally.

"We must work together in true respect and understanding of the different cultures we come from," Mr. Rae said in conclusion.

Christine Owl, Miss Fort Erie Native Princess, gave Mr. Rae a parting gift on behalf of the centre, a soapstone carving created by Fort Erie native sculptor Dave Greene inscribed: "We must all respect nature if we are to survive in the world of the creator."

Mr. Rae also had a gift for the people of the centre: an autographed photograph of himself.

Rae learns more about native centre services

By DOUG MORTON, and DIANA HARRIS
Staff Writers

Calling Bob Rae's visit to the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre "a learning experience for both sides," the centre's director, Wayne Hill, said he was pleased the Ontario premier saw plans for a new centre and learned more about the function of native centres.

Mr. Hill, of Fort Erie, greeted Mr. Rae on the first stop of the premier's one-day Niagara tour Jan. 30 that included visits to six other regional locations. Mr. Hill's wife, Verna Hill, a founder of the native centre, sits on the Niagara College board of governors.

" He [Mr.Rae] is here to learn more about the native population in Fort Erie and learn about the native centre," Mr.Hill said.

"I'd like [Mr.Rae] to be a bit more knowledgable about native culture," he added.

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The Fort Erie centre, one of two native cultural centres in Niagara among 27 in Ontario, functions by providing a transition for natives recently moved to the urban environment. The centre serves as an educational setting by providing literacy programs, youth programs for natives and non-natives, and assistance to understand native culture.

'It (Mr. Rae's visit) was unique for us...it was a happy and friendly meeting.'

Before Mr.Rae began his 15-minute speech, Mr.Hill led the premier to the glass-encased scale model of the new native centre displayed prominently in the old building and spent some time discussing the project.

"I think he (Rae) was impressed with the planning we put into the new centre," Mr. Hill said of the million-plus project partially provincially funded through the Native Community Branch of the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture.

Temporarily housed in an old church hall building at 303 Niagara Pkwy., Mr. Hill said the new centre, under construction, sits on 7½ acres on Buffalo Road in Fort Erie. The site, purchased in 1989, had several buildings, one now being renovated as part of the new centre and set for completion in March.

The building formerly the Community Living-Fort Erie group home at 796 Buffalo Rd., is primarily for office space, Mr. Hill said. Renovation began last September.

"It [Mr.Rae's visit] was unique for us...it was a happy and friendly meeting,"Mr.Hill said.

Effigy, banner greet Rae's tour

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

About four per cent of the public who attended Bob Rae's appearance at the Fort Erie Native Centre Jan. 30 were vocal in expressing their displeasure with the Ontario Premier.

Two protesters, one with a Rae effigy, the other with a banner, were among the 50 people who attended Mr. Rae's public appearance as part of his one-day whirlwind tour of the Niagara region. The protesters, however, remained outside, while the majority followed Mr. Rae inside and remained relatively placid as the Premier shook hands all around, then delivered his speech

Meanwhile, across the street, a young father of three marched to a different tune, carrying a long white banner bemoaning the stricken state of his family, who, he said, are now living in poverty in Welland after he lost his 13-year job at John Deere Ltd.

Protesting unemployment in the region, Ron Hind of Welland bitterly shouted at the premier from one side of the Niagara Parkway.

"Having a good day, Bob?," he asked as Mr. Rae and his entourage arrived at about 11:15 a.m.

"Have a good day, Bob," he yelled, just as bitterly, about 30 minutes later when the premier left for his next stop at Fleet Industries.

Mr. Rae looked towards Mr.Hind but did not respond.

"I'm just here to make a statement...and, I voted for the guy," Mr. Hind said adding his family of five is now living on $450 per month, down from $1,200 last October when he was permanently laid off at the Welland manufacturer.

"I might just have to move to the (U.S.A) to find work," Mr. Hind said.

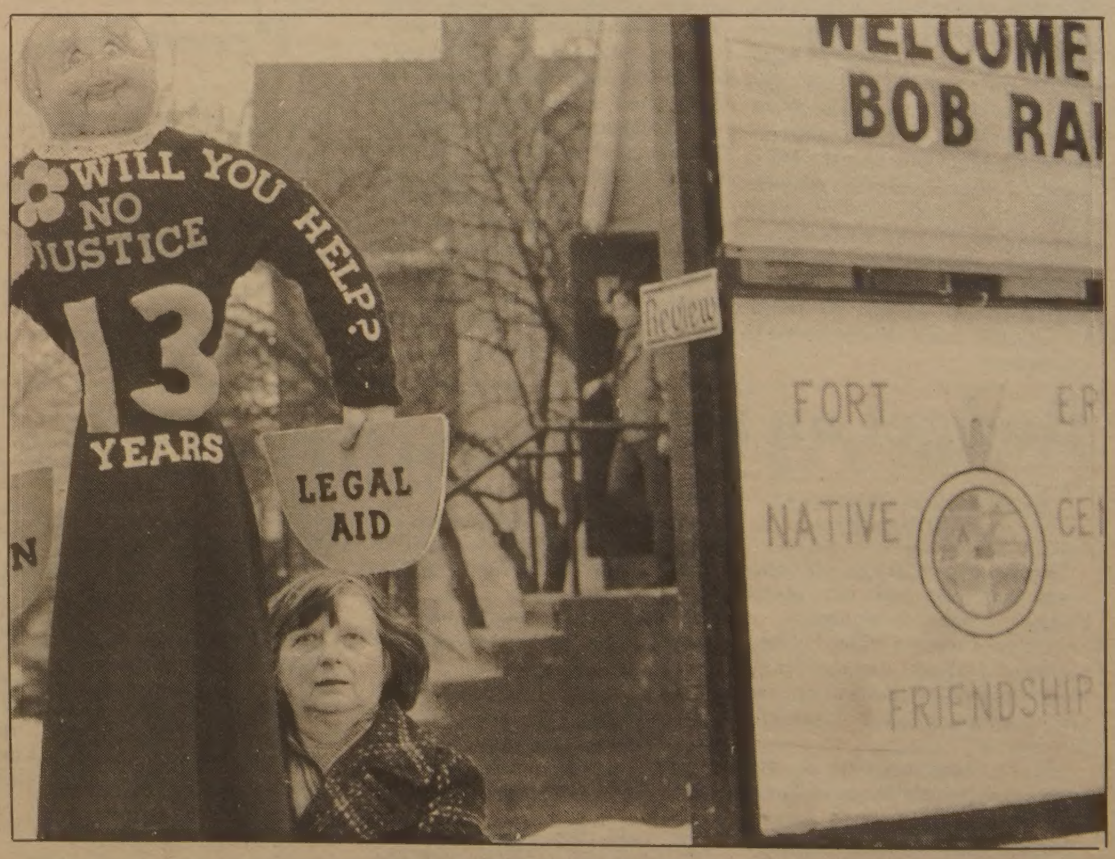
Another protester, Irene Greslik of Beamsville, with a life-size effigy of Mr.Rae hoisted on a stick, said she opposed what she termed as "obstruction of justice."

"I was denied legal aid," she said of a recent court case involving family matters that she felt caused her undue hardship. Her continual appeals to the premier's office have always been met with polite referrals she said.

"The Ontario Legal Aid Society has severly damaged my life," she added.

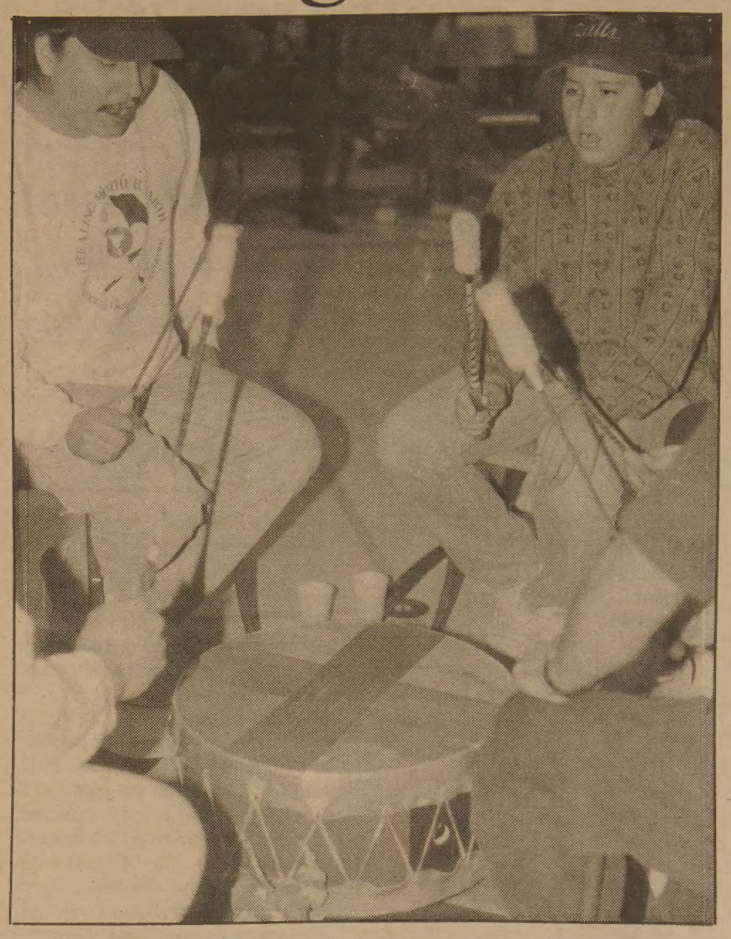
Mrs. Greslik said she will continue her project throughout the Niagara tour.

Mr.Rae used the brief stopover at the native centre to address native relations with the provincial government.



Not everyone was happy to see Ontario Premier Bob Rae when he arrived at the first stop of his one-day tour of the Niagara Region. This woman, Irene Greslik of Beamsville, waited for Mr. Rae outside the Fort Erie Native Centre and said her long battle with the Legal Aid Society of Ontario is far from over before an "obstruction of justice" is settled. She was one of two protesters among the 50 or 60 people there for Mr. Rae's arrival.
Photo by Doug Morton

Show gratitude, respect our earth



Members of the Rice Lake Drummers performed last Saturday at the fourth Annual Youth and Elders Conference at the Niagara Regional Native Centre. The five-member group, from Peterborough, led 100 participants in traditional native songs and dances.

Photo By Carolyn Mullin

By CAROLYN MULLIN
Staff Writer

Sarah Smith and Shirley Williams are Native elders concerned with passing the traditions of their people on to the next generation.

Both elders were guest speakers before about 100 participants at the fourth annual Youth and Elders Conference at the Niagara Regional Native Centre in Niagara-on-the-Lake last weekend.

The theme for the weekend was "Teachings of Mother Earth," and both Natives and non-Natives from Niagara Region attended. Elders from as far away as Alberta discussed ways to hand down traditional teachings, and ways in which everyone should respect the environment.

Mrs. Smith, an elder from Six Nations, said she came to the three-day conference to tell of the prophesies to the younger generation.

"I have concern for our abuse of the gifts of mother earth," she said. "It was prophesied that people at one time would be wandering in darkness even though the sun is out. I believe we are now groping for that spiritual light."

Mrs. Smith also said her people have fallen a couple of years off the pathway, so a lot of "sorting and sifting is needed to get back on track."

To correct the mistake, Mrs. Smith said one should acknowledge the gifts given by earth, showing gratitude and love for them.

"Focus on one aspect of nature," she said. " See the maple tree, focus, until you have an understanding that grows to include all trees. Then you will be able to understand the medicine that comes from mother earth in this form."

'Focus on one aspect of nature . . .'

Mrs. Smith called this the traditional way of teaching.

Although she has spoken at numerous conferences, Mrs. Smith said she does not consider herself an elder. She said she is still seeking knowledge and the sacred ways, and will probably do so for the rest of her life.

Shirley Williams is an Ojibway elder and a Trent University lecturer on Native Studies, who came to the conference to emphasize the Native people's need to retain their native names, clans, and dances.

She related stories of her struggles to learn English in her youth. The teachers allowed no other language in the classroom, but she said she kept the language in her head, "because no one could remove it from there."

"The policy for the English was to assimilate us," she said, "but our customs, our spirituality, our dance and songs all come from our language . When we leave this world, the Great Spirit will ask us our Indian name. We need to remember, not'I am Shirley Williams', but our true name, so that the great spirit will recognize us."

Mrs. Williams also spoke about environmental dangers brought on by human practices.

"When we bless the water in the sunrise ceremony, we are blessing poison. We have forgotten how to be responsible for our actions, so we must educate our children not to pollute the water," she said.

In a Saturday evening final session, those who listened to the elders were given a chance to speak. Mrs. Smith said the thoughts and emotions expressed by the youth were of gratitude and excitement for the knowledge they had attained.

Mrs. Williams summed up the sessions by saying frankly that,"we don't have the answers but we have the time to work with each other. Harmony is what we are after."

Qualified people may apply for Board membership

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

Names of prospective Niagara College board of governors comes from a list kept in the executive offices, however, anyone who feels qualified can apply for board membership.

Anne Audet-Giroux, vice-chairman of the board, said the board's executive keeps a list of qualified Niagara residents, a detailed portfolio of possible governors divided into about 15 categories to assure both geographic, professional and social representation on the board.

Maintained by executive secretary Mary Hornak, the list is updated using names she receives from recommendations supplied by area hospitals, women's groups or other groups. The 40 or 50 names provides the board a wide variety of individuals who might be selected to sit on the board of governors.

"But, we do our own search, as we always have...any who approach the board individually are told there is a process for selection they must go through, no matter what the qualifications."

"Before the names even go to the list, there are 15 or 20 different areas we must consider," Mrs. Giroux said, adding, "many of the finest members have come to the board after first serving on other college committees."

The process includes the candidate's fulfilment of the board's need for his or her qualifications, including their professional skills and their social representation. For instance, the college board requires a balance of men and women and representation from visible minorities before beginning the interviewing process. From the initial interview, candidates are reviewed by a special board committee and, finally the choice is made by the Ontario Council of Regents

Budget on review

By CINDY HARRIMAN
Staff Writer

The Niagara College planning team, which controls the college budget, has presented a preliminary budget which is being reviewed by Hans van der Slagt, vice-president administration, and Gary LaRose, director of financial services.

"We've been working at our budget since early October," said Mr. van der Slagt.

"Our schedule is that we will be making a presentation to the college Board of Governors in April. All of our energies are being geared to that."

Mr. van der Slagt said that he and Mr. LaRose will come forward with a draft budget plan which will then be reviewed by the college's Board of Governors and the Budget Advisory Committee. The purpose of the advisory committee is to help the college determine its priorities.

"We're on time and working hard to make sure our targets are met."

Mr. van der Slagt said one of the main targets is to make sure the deficit doesn't increase, "because they want to start reducing it next year."

He said the college deficit, which has accumulated over the years, is just under $2 million.

Mr. van der Slagt said the committee's goal is to reduce the deficit by at least $400,000 or $500,000.

He said they are beginning to pull the draft budget together.

Temporary daycare available

The Non-Traditional Students Association will be arranging free daytime child-care facilities at Niagara College's Welland campus during the Catholic and public school reading breaks.

This will allow full-time college students to leave their children in a supervised area while they attend their classes, an alternative to paying for babysitting at home, or bringing children into college classrooms.

While the college reading week runs from March 2 to March 6, reading week for most primary schools in the public and separate school systems occurs March 16 to March 20.

The staff dining room adjacent to the cafeteria in the Black Walnut building will be the probable location for the facility. The room will be supervised t all times and should be stocked with toys and games provided by parents of the children. Arrangements for a television and VCR are being made.

The children will have access to the gymnasium, and may participate in short excursions such *as a walk around campus or lunch* at a nearby restaurant.

Further information, as it's available, will be posted on the N.T.S.A. bulletin board located by the counselling office. Anyone interested in utilizing this service, volunteering their time, or providing any other ideas promoting the success of this ventue are asked to phone extension 7750.

Priest dies, cards arise

Have you ever wondered where the idea of the valentine card originated and when Valentine's Day began to be celebrated?

It began on Feb. 14, 270 A.D. when a Roman Priest, St. Valentine, was put to death because he refused to pay tribute to the pagan gods. This is when the Roman Catholic Church canonized him as a martyr.

The date of his death almost conincided with that of the Roman feast of Lupercalia, a time when youths chose by lot their sweethearts for the year.

Sometime over the years, (the exact date was never recorded) the two ideas merged and the Lupercalia method was adopted by lovers in England and elsewhere.

The practise of sending greeting cards, often heart-shaped and either pink or red in color with lace on them, came about in the early 19th century.

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Focus on Smoking

Living without a butt, what a drag; hopes to quit

'Why is it so hard to quit? Imagine ...money I will save.'

By KATHERINE TOWNE
Staff Writer

As I watch television, a man reaches into his pocket and pulls out a package of cigarettes. I get the sensation and need for a cigarette. As he puts the cigarette to his lips, lights it, and takes a long deep breath...so do I. "I need a cigarette," I say to myself. It's not that I want a cigarette 100 per cent of the time that I smoke, it's that I need one. Sometimes I honestly don't want a cigarette, but I crave one to the point of leaving important duties for a few minutes to satisfy my desire.

I quit once before. It wasn't a problem, as I remember it. This time, for some reason, it seems almost impossible to quit. Three years later, after starting again, I pray I can quit one last time. The last few months I've been contemplating whether or not to quit. In reality, I can't see myself quitting because I'm used to it. It doesn't matter how broke I am, I always manage to budget myself enough to buy a sufficient number of cigarettes for the week. I'll go without certain foods rather than risk running out of my addiction sticks. I'm sure my addiction has cost me more than money.

'Sometimes I honestly don't want a cigarette, but I crave one...'

It's been exactly one week since I quit. I didn't quit because January is non-smoking month. The only reason I haven't had a cigarette has been a major flu bug I caught exactly one week ago. My throat totally rejected cigarette smoke. My throat stung on my first drag. After a few days of being at home and not smoking, I decided it would be a great time to quit. Once and for all, to rid my body of toxins and pollutants that have kept me from being, at least, 95 per cent healthy would be a dream come true.

Why is it so hard to stop smoking? I did it once before, I thought.

It's my first day back at school in a week.

I haven't had a cigarette. After every class, my friends and I used to go outside for a butt. Not anymore. I decide to stay as busy as possible to keep from craving the wonderful taste of nicotine. I watch as my friends walk outside for a quick puff. I try to steal a sniff of smoke as they walk past me on the way in. It must sound crazy to non-smokers, but sadly enough, it is very real.

Maybe it's habit that causes me to reach for my coat pocket expecting my precious gold package to be there. It's not habit that makes my head ache or gives me this horrible craving for a cigarette. They say the first week is the worst. After the first week the cravings will gradually fade. I hope they're right — whomever "they" are.

I have never felt so irritable as I do right now. The frustration can be compared to waiting for a bus in below 20 degrees Fahrenheit weather for two hours and then realizing you forgot your wallet at home. Or trying to find your new contact lense at the bottom of a swimming pool. Or trying to loose that last four pounds you've gained over the holidays. The anxiety is mounting with every moment. It's like waiting for something that's never going to come. At least I hope it doesn't, but still I wait. I NEED a cigarette!

O.K. get hold of yourself, I think to myself. All right. I'm all right now. How I am going to get through this is beyond me. I'll have to change my whole attitude about my time and health. I'll have to find ways to keep myself busy and satisfied, so I won't crave a cigarette. Easier said than done. No, don't be like that. 'I'hink POSITIVE.

I've heard horror stories about quitters who have gained 10 to 30 pounds within the first few months of quitting. Maybe chewing gum will help my condition. Sure, I could chew a stick of gum every time I have a nic-fit. I wonder if I could burn mass calories by chewing a lot of sugarless gum?

Imagine all the money I'll save not buying cigarettes. I imagine myself lighting a roll of $20 bills and picture them going up in smoke. How disgusting. I tell myself smoking is almost the same thing as burning money, and for what? Coughing every morning? I adore having yellow fingers and teeth? I enjoy smelling like a tobacco farm? NO! Oh, why did I ever start?

There's only one way to come out ahead of the pack.
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In two weeks I'll take the money I saved and buy a pair of running shoes as a gift to myself for quitting. Yeah, that's the ticket! Instead of smoking, I will go for a walk or a jog. What a great idea! Everytime I get the urge to sin I will exercise, so I won't gain weight. My lungs could use the exercise as well as my hips. Quitting may not be so bad after all. I will have an abundance of energy, feel great, look better and actually have money. If I look at the situation that way, it doesn't seem as terrible. It's going to take an abundance of will power, a lot of changing, and major planning, but I can do it. I will look beyond the nagging cravings and concentrate on the benefits I will receive from quitting. I don't WANT to NEED a cigarette. There's a bright side to every painful situation...if you look hard enough.

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Young smokers, cancer on the rise annually

By LISA WEISS
Staff Writer

An estimated 40,000 young people become smokers each year in Ontario. Cancer cases are climbing 50 per cent annually. The goal of Non-Smoking Month at Niagara College was to raise awareness that young people develop tobacco addiction before reaching an age at which to make responsible decisions.

"It starts even before the birth of a child," said Lydia Gris, assistant district director for the Canadian Cancer Society of Niagara. "During a woman's pregnancy, nicotine and carbon monoxide inhaled by cigarette smoke enter the mother's bloodstream, cross the placental barrier and enter the baby's bloodstream."

Ms. Gris says providing a good oxygen supply to the unborn baby is essential for normal weight gain and development. Nicotine and carbon monoxide can decrease the oxygen supply to the baby by almost 40 per cent.

"The more cigarettes smoked daily during pregnancy by a woman the lower the baby's weight at birth," she said. "There are studies that show in some cases more carbon monoxide has been found in the blood of the unborn baby than in the mother."

Nicotine reduces the supply of food and oxygen to the unborn baby by narrowing the placental blood vessels.

"Studies have also shown the placenta of a smoking mother to be slightly smaller than the average mother," she said. "Nicotine also causes a reduction in the breathing movements before birth of an unborn child. In order for a baby to breath after birth, breathing motions are practiced by the unborn from exercising certain chest muscles."

A baby born to a smoker weighs less at birth than the baby born to a non-smoker. They aren't just smaller, they are underdeveloped, leading to a greater risk of complications later in life.

"The risk of a miscarriage among smoking women is almost double that of non-smoking women, and the chances of having a premature delivery are higher among women who smoke," Ms. Gris said. "The risk of newborn death and stillborns are four times greater in a woman who smokes because the placenta could easily separate due to the narrow blood vessels and restricted blood supply to the cells around the placenta."

During a child's first year, risk of developing pneumonia or bronchitis doubles because of second-hand smoke's effects. Ms. Gris says it becomes a serious risk and may lead to death if not treated quickly.

"The exposed child may experience permanent damage to the respiratory tract and health problems later in life," she said. "Asthmatic children may have a staggering increase of attacks due to parents' smoking. But the most serious problem of all, children exposed to second-hand smoke at such an early age, are more likely to be raised to smoke.

The long-term effects are staggering.

"For children up to age 11, they are one-half of an inch shorter and they weigh less than the children of women who did not smoke during pregnancy," she said. "These children are also three to five months behind in the ability to read and do mathematics. The younger the starting age of a smoker, the more serious the consequences. For women, there is a greater risk factor because you are not only hurting yourself, but you are also hurting your child now or in the future."

A baby born to smoker weighs less at birth...

"There are a number of people who deal with the smoking issue," said Ms. Gris. "Here in Niagara we contribute funds to counsel smokers and provide schools and community groups to support the cessation of smoking and help people kick the habit. There are pamphlets available on "How to be a happy ex-smoker" and "Second-hand smoke". There are a variety of buttons, stickers and resources available free of charge for people who smoke and want to quit."

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Students receive certificates at ceremony

By CAROLYN MULLIN
Staff Writer

Hard-working students are not without reward, especially when they are Niagara College Ontario Basic Skills students.

Forty-four framed certificates for excellence and achievement were presented to students during a ceremony at the end of last term.

Norma Poole, Ontario Basic Skills instructor, was master of ceremonies. Marti Jurmain, access director, welcomed the students, and several former students now studying at Brock University were also on hand to show students what can achieved, said Donna Putman, Ontario Basic Skills coordinator and counsellor.

Instructors chose one or two, and sometimes as many as five, students who excelled according to one of eight categories of achievement.

The categories included an outstanding contribution to good fellowship, outstanding proficiency and achievement, demonstrating respect and concern for associates, demonstrating a desire to improve academic standing, accepting and meeting a challenge, a student who continues to be a credit to the objectives of the program, a student who has demonstrated excellence, diligence and a positive attitude,a nd a student with the most inprovement in grades, participation, attitude, and attendance.

Some students received awards from more than one teacher. Shelley Dupont received certificates for the fifth and seventh categories, while Pat Chesney received certificates for the fifth and eighth sections, and Enu Yami excelled in the sixth and seventh sections.

The only recipient of the first category was Jennifer Atkinson from the Tanguay class in Welland.

Recipients of the second certificate were Faye Frank, Randy Januska, Leszek Mazur, Jennifer Trifunski, and Jodi Soock.

No awards were given out for for the third category, but five students received certificates for the fourth category. They were Karen Halliday, Lynn Daley, Chris Churchill, Marg Fox, and Richard Snasyk.

Harold LeBreton, Sylvia Thompson, Lena Stranges, Denis Vaillencourt, Rene Meza, Errol Mitchell, and Joseph Waterhouse received certificates for the fifth section.

Students who excelled in the sixth section were Sheri Larabie, Marlene Severy, Aghdas Mahini, and Grant Hall.

The largest category of recipients were the students who received certificates for the seventh category. They were Eva Cholewa, Carol Lambert, Margaret Costentini, Dennis Theal, Cathy Norwens, Molly Kinch, Michelle Culp, Sandra Tessier, Gary Kavanjiam, Arely Campos, Sylvie Hughston, Reggie Mailloux.

Jairo Centeno and Teresa Mazur recieved certificates for the last division.

Heart disease, stroke claims 80,000 lives yearly

Foundation devoted to research and education

By CAROLINE WINTERBOTTOM
Staff Writer

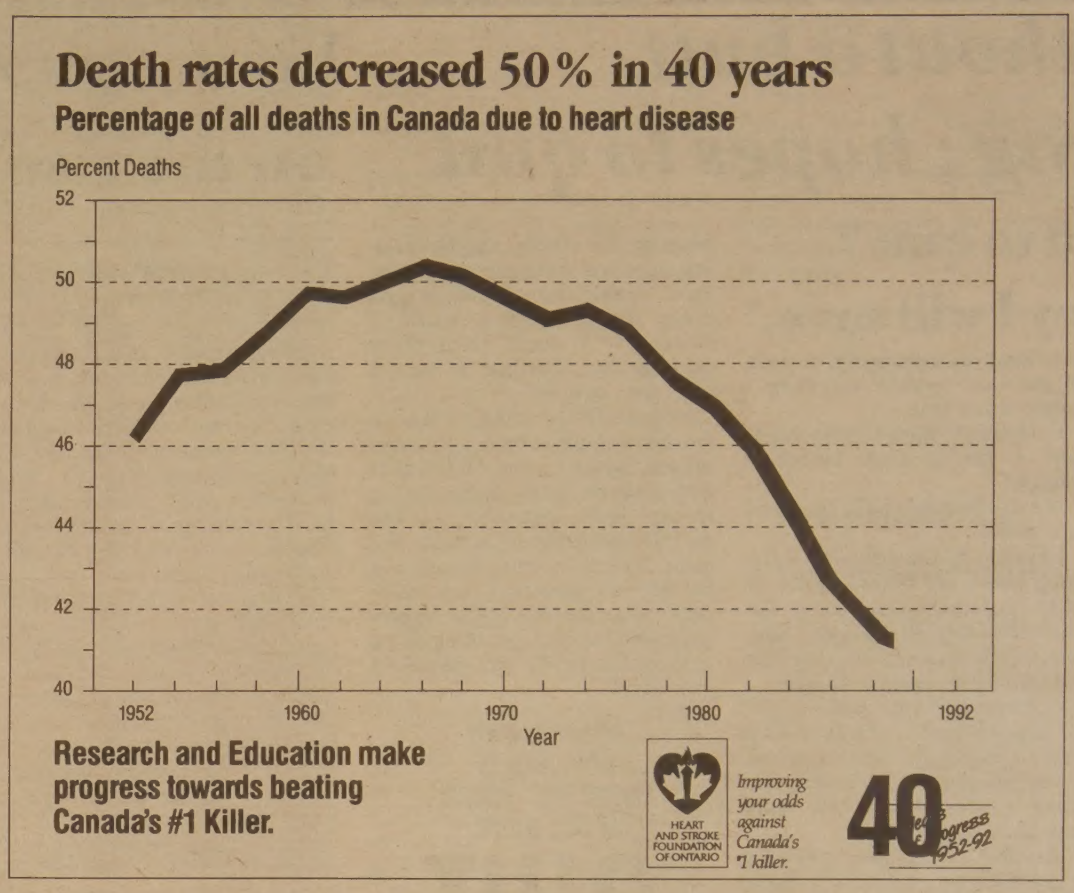
It claims 80,000 lives each year: 42 per cent of all deaths in Canada. One out of every four Canadians (six million) has some form of heart disease, disease of the blood vessels or stroke.

This year the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation celebrates 40 years of progress in reducing premature death and disability caused by Canada's number one killer — heart disease and stroke.

Death rates from heart disease have dropped 50 per cent since 1952. "Research pays," said Bob Luba, volunteer president of the foundation, "but we still have a long way to go."

"Personal donations to the foundation, especially during Heart and Stroke Month in February, are essential for ongoing research and education," Mr. Luba said.

The community-based volunteer organization funds two-thirds of all heart and stroke research in Ontario. Sixteen-million dollars are devoted to support such research at universities and hospitals throughout the province. However, the foundation can provide only 40 per cent of the dollars requested by the research community.



This year, the Ontario Foundation hopes to raise over $30-million to fund its education programs and support more than 200 medical and sociobehavioral research projects across the province.

Volunteers in 90 chapters deliver a variety of educational programs related to the prevention, intervention and rehabilitation aspects of heart disease and stroke.

Heart Smart, a national nutrition program; Know Your Blood Pressure by Heart, a hypertension awareness program; and Smoke-Free Spaces for Kids, a non-smoking awareness program, are some of the prevention programs funded by the foundation.

Emergency cardiac care is an intervention program designed to reduce prehospital deaths due to heart attack. The foundation acts as an administrator for the teaching of cardiopulmonary resusciation (CPR) to thousands of Ontario residents annually. Heart Steps teaches people to recognize the signals of a heart attack and the procedures to take to get help immediately.

The foundation supports a rehabilitation program called Heart to Heart. It is an eight-week education program of information and support for cardiac patients and their partners.

Mr. Luba explained the significance of this year for the foundation. "It's our 40th anniversary and we need the continued support of the people of Ontario if we are to carry on the work which has saved so many lives."

Tanning during winter months, trend for curing blues

By LISA WEISS
Staff Writer

The barometer dips into negative numbers. Cold winter chill sets deeper into your bones. The vision of spring break, in warm, tropical climate, is an infallible cure for those winter blues. Why wait to get to your spring break destination to enjoy yourself when you can get a head start on your vacation early?

Energized Total Body Care is a natural health clinic at 184 Scott St. in St. Catharines, located behind Jumbo Video. It's a combination beauty and health clinic that is spread across 2,000 square feet, one of the most modern, priv ate facilities available today.

Michael Molnar, president of Energized Total Body Care, is proud of his establishment because it offers 36 different services under one roof, and is the only one of its kind in the area.

"We cater to men and women, and have a variety in the number of services that include weight loss to reflexology," Mr. Molnar said. "We saw that there were no clinics that offered both beauty and natural health care so we proceeded to do so. We are a head-to-toe concept, meaning we go from one end of the scale to the other."

"Right now, we have one location in St. Catharines, but we are planning on franchising," he said. "We didn't just all of a sudden open up a health business. It was a combination of what we have researched since 1986. The reason we chose St. Catharines is geographically being so close to the American border we are able to bring in American clients. The availability of traffic that travels down Scott and Lake Street provides new customers almost everyday. There is plenty of parking in the plaza, and the landlord was willing to spend the money on interior construction to suit our needs."

The business opened in November 1989. There are 12 people employed; eight full-time available — hair styling, massage and laser therapy, reflexology, esthetics, nutrition, muscular stimulation, and weight loss.

A popular trend today is the tanning bed. Energized Total Body Care has three beds in private rooms, with a shower available in one of the rooms. Students pay $5.50 for a single tan. Double sessions are obtainable. With the harmful effects ultra-violet rays have on one's skin, why are tanning businesses still available to the public?

Harvard University's Mathu Pathak, a dermatologist, photobiologist and authority on the sun's effects on the human skin, argues that a good tan is not a sign of neglect.

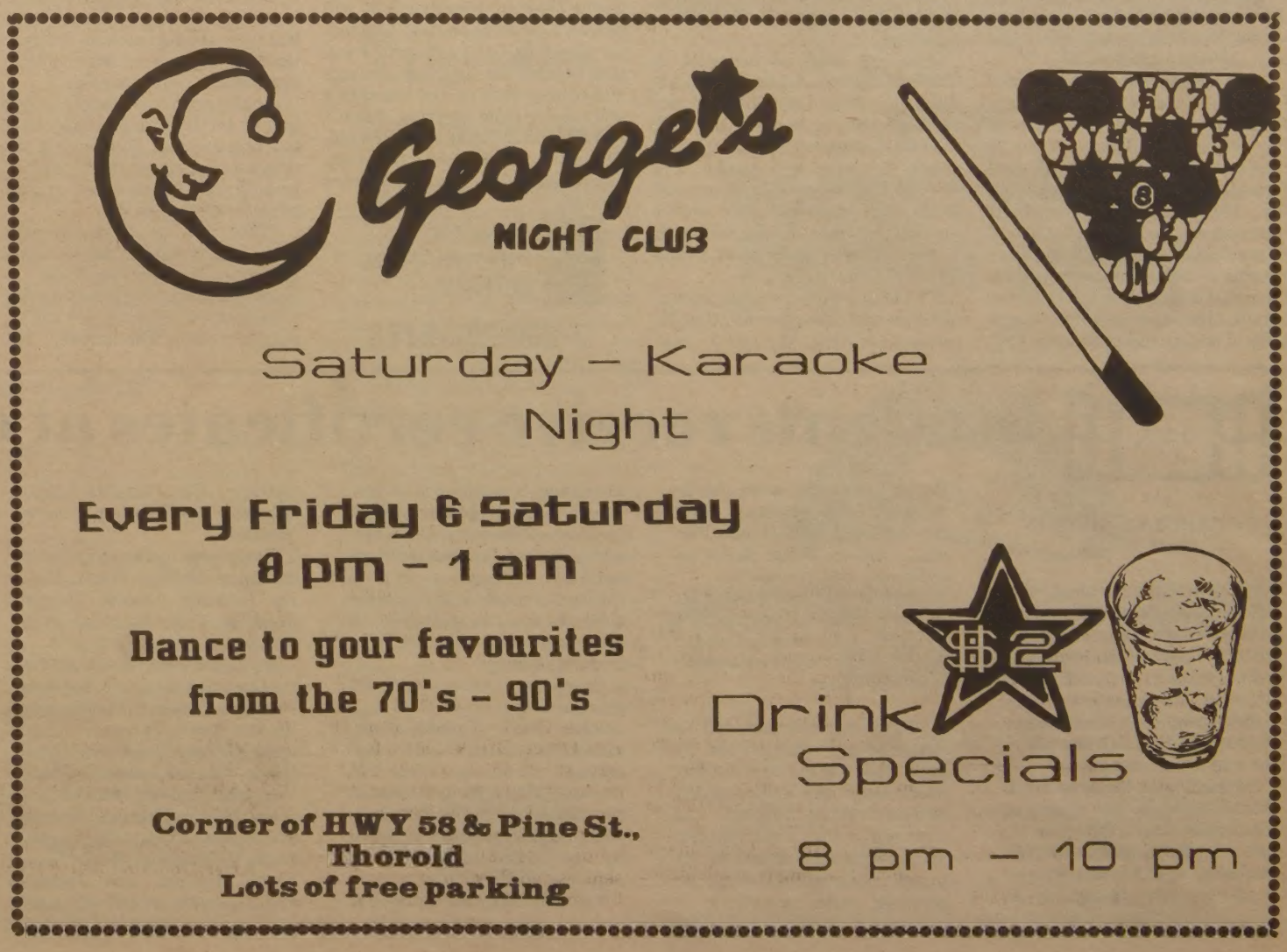
"Contrary to what the news says about your skin, a good tan is not hazardous to your health," Dr. Pathak said, expressing concern that national news media exaggerate human risk for solar radiation. "A good tan, in fact, is never hazardous to your health. It is the inability of an individual to produce a tan that is hazardous to health."

A tiny percentage of the population needs to use extreme caution and stay out of sunlight altogether. These are the people who live through allergic blistering and get searing sunburns.

"A tan is a body's natural protective reaction against an onslaught of ultraviolet radiation," Dr. Pathak said. "It means a body has produced additional melanin to sheath skin pigment from cellular mutation caused by ultraviolet radiation. The deeper the tan, the deeper the protection. If you have the genetic capacity to acquire a tan and if you go about getting it in the right way, then having a tan is a good thing."

Mr. Molnar thinks if people are eager to tan why not make it available for them in the safest way possible.

Reservations are needed for services at the clinic and health forms must be filled out before every service no matter how small the procedure. Call ahead at (416)646-7433.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Entertainment

Brian Green, left, instructor Broadcast. Radio, Television and Film program, explains a photograph of himself taken during the Blizzard of 1977. Gord Lawson, former faculty member, set up a series of his photographs on three bulletin boards. Mr. Green, along with 75 faculty and guests, swapped stories of the blizzard, at a Blizzard of '77 dance, held by the 25th Anniversary Social Planning Committee at the Welland campus cafeteria Feb. 1.

Photo by Mark Denis

Dance inspires memories

Faculty, guests remember blizzard of 77

By MARK DENIS
Staff Writer

"Where were you during the Blizzard of 1977?"

This was the key question echoing at the 25th Anniversary Social Planning Group's Blizzard of 77 dance held last Saturday at the Welland campus cafeteria.

The dance recalled an evening 15 years ago when the temperature reached 32 degrees below zero Celsius.

Faculty and guests were entertained by a series of photographs of the blizzard taken by former faculty member Gord Lawson. Mr. Lawson said he remained mobile during the blizzard taking photos around the Welland area using a snowmobile. "It was quite a week."

A hexagon displaying a Niagara News edition of the blizzard was a flashback to the personalities and events of the day. Cathy Weir of the college's media department created the hexagon as well as other memorabilia displays.

Throughout the evening Niagara's own disc jockey, Russ Henri, got the crowd to do the funky snowflake as well as the snowball which Irma and Cliff Cain spotlighted.

Joanne Miani, an organizer of the event, stated:"Although our numbers were small, people had good fun. The dance was a great time to mix with people you work with on a social level."

Various gifts were awarded in the following categories: Funniest earmuffs, won by Susan Hall, a support staff member, and a trivia contest won by Jim Schwartzkopf, the husband of a former staff member. David Schleich, vice-president academics, presented the gifts.

Dale Zinatelli, of the college's audio visual department, won the "I remember" story contest and was given a copy of 'White Death.' 'White Death' is a factual account of events during the blizzard given by survivors and rescuers. Zinatelli's story will be published in it's entirety in the next edition of In Touch, a faculty information newsletter.

Ms. Zinatelli said she was working at the college when she heard rumors of the storm.

"No one was taking it (the storm) seriously and I didn't have a problem leaving the college."

Ms. Zinatelli lived in Rockway at the time. She was surprised by the storm outside of Pelham. She said she got stuck on a country road along with three other vehicles. "Luckily," she said, there was a corner store a mile and one half from the location.

"We stayed at the store for two days with about 20 other people until I returned home by snowmobile."

Unfortunately Ms. Zinatelli's vehicle got smashed by a snowplow. Otherwise, she said, "it was a pretty good time."

Meanwhile, two prizes were drawn for faculty at the dance. First prize, a food voucher for Chaps restaurant, went to Cathy Weir, a faculty member. Second prize, a vine wreath, was given to Mr. Schleich, vice president academics.

There were approximately 75 people in attendance. Proceeds from the dance are going towards the purchasing of equipment for the After Hours Student Centre.

In the last days of January 1977, high winds blew accumulated snow off a frozen Lake Erie. Compounded by a previous three-foot snowfall, high winds created 25-foot snow drifts halting routine life. Two-storey buildings were buried along with schools, homes and businesses. Transport routes were closed for up to two weeks.

Mike Woods plays to receptive audience at After Hours

By JOEL NAPHIN
Staff Writer

The weather was overcast and cold last Thursday, but inside After Hours there were about 100 people warming up to the music and comedy of Mike Woods, returning to Niagara College after two years.

Mr. Woods, dressed in a white T-shirt, black jeans, and old running shoes, played two sets—about 45 minutes each set. With his guitars and harmonica, Mr. Woods played cover songs as well as original material from his album *Life in a Song*, released last year by ScottWood Records.

Some songs had dedications. 'Can't Always Get What You Want' by the Rolling Stones was dedicated to the Buffalo Bills and 'I'm A Wanker' was dedicated to Pee Wee Herman. He played 'House of the Rising Sun' by the Animals and at one point sang it imitating the voice of Bob Dylan.

The students were very receptive. While cracking jokes and singing songs, he was able to get some students laughing and singing while others drank their beer.

Mr. Woods was born in Hamilton, raised in Dundas, and now lives in Hamilton with his wife Jayne and 10-year-old son Justin. He said his father always listened to country music and while growing up, he couldn't wait to get out of the house.

One of those country songs he remembers came alive at After Hours as a folk-rap version as the audience clapped along. It was John Horton's country single 'Battle of New Orleans.'

Songs from his album included 'I'll Sing This One For You' which he wrote about three years ago for his son, 'Ain't No Cowboy,' 'Missin Her Tonight,' and the title track 'Life in a Song,' which he wrote in the cab of his truck when he was stuck on the road in a snowstorm going from Denver to Chicago "with only two cigarettes and no beer."

Since high school, the 36-year-old musician played in bands, but has been a solo act for the past six years. He went on his own because he was"fed up with making no money, and the egos and attitudes of other band members." Music is all Mr. Woods has done other than working at Stelco.

Life in a Song is Mr. Woods' first album. As much as he likes to joke around on stage and sing more less serious songs, all the songs on the album are "serious."

"With the joke stuff I do on stage, it just doesn't work on an album," said the long-haired musician, "I wanted a more serious album."

A couple of these "joke" songs includes 'Dead Puppies,' which he played in both sets, and 'F-- Off,' played in the first set. On the album Mr. Woods was assisted by Cleave Anderson, ex- Blue Rodeo drummer, and Joel Anderson, currently a drummer for the Leslie Spit Tree-O. Back-up vocalists were Lori Yates, James Hardy, and David Baxter.

He has been a support act for such groups as Blue Rodeo, Crash Vegas, Frozen Ghost, The Good Brothers, and The Northern Pikes. He has done jingles, including one for the Canadian Football League, and a film score for "You've Shown Us How" produced by the Canadian Cancer Society.

Mr. Woods will continue his tour in the Hamilton area playing colleges and universities before heading off to the United States in the Syracuse, N.Y. area. His tour has been to Winnipeg, Ottawa, and Northern Ontario. He performed at various campuses across Canada and the U.S.

Mr. Woods made positive comments about After Hours.

"I think it's better for Niagara College to have this bar, it's a better atmosphere (to play) than the cafeteria."

As for the audience here, he stated "I haven't played here for two years. I didn't know what to expect. I was happy with the crowd, I think the crowd was really good."

Hamilton's Mike Woods brought his music and comedy to After Hours on Jan. 30, entertaining 100 students.

Photo by Joel Naphin

DEAD SERIOUS A nail biting thriller

If you think a murder might help alleviate the February blahs, then why not attend the Arts Club Theatre of Vancouver's production of DEAD SERIOUS at the Brock Centre for the Arts at Brock University, St. Catharines.

DEAD SERIOUS, written by Vancouver playwright Doug Greenall and directed by Mario Cudo, is a nail-biting psychological thriller set in the backwoods of a British Columbia resort.

Actors Frank Zotter and Johnna Wright play an obsessed brother and sister. Their New Age mother played by Nicole Robert and her boyfriend played by Bill Croft complete the cast along with two teenaged resort employees played by Kevin Conway and Allan Grant. It is the teenagers who discover the 'first body.'

On tour in Ontario, DEAD SERIOUS had more than 150 performances in Vancouver and throughout British Columbia.

Limited seating is available for Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. and Thursday Feb. 13 at 1 p.m. Better seats, however, are available on the Thursday matinee.

Tickets are available from the Box Office, Brock Centre for the Arts at 688-5550, ext. 3257, Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Ticket prices cost $18 for adults, $15.50 for students, seniors and Brock alumni, and $9 for youths (17 and under).

Sports

Hockey greats lace up

By SHANNON STRANGES
Staff Writer

Darryl Sittler, Craig Ramsay, Don Luce, Norm Ullman, Bill Derlago, and Eddie Shack are all names associated with winning hockey teams from the 1970s and 1980s.

These players from past glories returned for a night of fun and excitement last Thursday at the Garden City Arena in St. Catharines.

The crowd, consisting mostly of families, rocked the house with cheers of excitement and joy to see their heroes a little more than 10 feet away from them.

Little boys, not even born when Darryl Sittler played with the Toronto Maple Leafs, ran to get the hockey great's autograph.

Eddie Shack decked out in his cowboy hat and 'sweet daddy shack' referee's shirt had the crowd doing the wave and calling penalties for such things as missing excellent scoring chances.

Sittler, who missed the first period because of car problems coming from Toronto, made his presence known in the second and third periods with a goal and an assist.

Carl Hadfield, promoter of the Fundraiser, was pleased with the event.

"I was happy with what the Canadian Cancer Society did with the event. There were good players there to make the event more fun. Hopefully next year we can do it again," he said.

Craig Ramsay was one of several old time hockey players taking part in a benefit hockey game for the Canadian Cancer Society in the Garden City Arena, in St. Catharines, on Jan. 30. The game featured former hockey players from the Buffalo Sabres and the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Photo by Shannon Stranges

Barry Matheson, the event's chairman, said "everything went well."

The approximately 2,300 tickets sold for the event raised about $10,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Division title one step closer for Knights

With a win tonight, the Niagara College men's basketball team could clinch its division.

Last Friday, the team travelled to Cornwall to play St. Lawrence College. The Knights won 115-78. High scorers were Paul Weller with 34 points and Scott Currie with 28 points.

Saturday saw the team travel to Kingston to go against the Royal Military College. Once again the Knights won the game 89-82.

While the game in Cornwall seemed more like a practice, the team paid for it the next night. During the game, the team often lost its focus.

Tonight, the team travels to Peterborough to face Fleming College. Niagara's record is 9-2.

Action was fast and furious when the Niagara College Knights met the Buffalo State Bengals in Buffalo last Friday night. Fighting in the corners, the Knights tried to beat the American team. With just 12 seconds left in the game, the Bengals beat the Knights, 5-4. The Knights' record goes to 5-5-1 on the season. Tonight's game in Wheatfield against the University of Buffalo and Saturday's game against Buffalo State, will be the next roadblock for the Knights.

Photo by Shannon Stranges

Schedule

HOCKEY — Niagara Knights will travel to Wheatfield's Sabreland to play the University of Buffalo tonight for a 7:30 p.m. start. Tomorrow night, Niagara will host Buffalo State at Welland's Main Arena at 7:30 p.m. The Knights will meet Erie Community College Feb. 12 in Orchard Park. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

—MEN'S BASKETBALL — Regular season play ends tonight when the Knights meet Sir Sanford Fleming College in Peterborough for an 8 p.m. start. The Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) Division II championships will commence Feb. 21 at Kingston's St. Lawrence College.

—MEN'S VOLLEYBALL — Niagara will suit up for action Feb 13. when the Georgian College Grizzlies are in town. Game time is 7:30 p.m. OCCA Division II finals will be held at Conestoga College in Kitchener Feb. 21 and 22.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL Tonight is the final regular season game for the lady Knights, where the team will travel up the highway to meet Mohawk College. Game time is 6 p.m. OCCA Division II finals will be held at Algonquin College in Ottawa Feb. 21 and 22.

—BADMINTON —Niagara College will play host to the OCCA Regionals for a two-day tournament beginning tonight. All matches will be played in the Welland campus gymnasium.

Women's volleyball team loses to Conestoga College

Niagara College's women's volleyball team once again went to the wire in a five-game match against Conestoga College last Thursday.

The first game saw the women win 15-11. They lost the next game 15-12. Niagara was victorious in the third game, 15-13. The fourth and fifth games resulted in losses by scores of 15-12.

Coach Judy Halaiko said the girls "played as a team."

Tonight the women play at Mohawk College in Hamilton.

Knights impressive at soccer tournament

The Niagara College Knights men's indoor soccer team successfully competed in the Viking Indoor Soccer Invitational last weekend at St. Lawrence College in Kingston.

The first game saw the Knights lose to the Portuguese Bonfica team, 6-1. Joe Abbruscato scored the lone goal for the team making the score 2-1 in the first half.

Game two saw the Knights play against the Royal Military College. Winning 3-1 at the half, the Knights played strongly and won the match 6-1. Goal scorers were Dave Paladino with three, Lee Mooney with two, and Sal Iamarino with one.

Adam Thomas, Knight's goalie, shut out the opposition during game three. Frank Serra and Len Camelino scored for the Knights as they beat the Vagden Soccer Club, 2-0.

The quarter finals saw the Young Guns team go against the Knights. Serra and Kieran Freel each scored for the knights during regulation play. The 2-2 game went into overtime and still the score remained the same. It took four different penalty kicks by the Knights to win the game. Camelino, Abbruscato, Iamarino, and Jim Thorpe scored for Niagara. Thomas made a spectacular save on the first penalty shot he faced.

In the semi-finals, the Knights beat the Cataraqui Cats, 5-2. The game was tied 2-2 at the half, but once again the Knights played strongly to win. Mooney, Paladino, Freel, Camelino, and Serra all scored for Niagara.

The finals saw the Knights lose to the City Limits team 3-0.

Mens hockey team loses to Buffalo State Bengals

By SHANNON STRANGES
Staff Writer

"They were just hungrier than we were" said Fred Bassi, coach of the Niagara College men's hockey team, after losing a close game to the Buffalo State Bengals, 5-4.

Jason Disher scored the Knights' first goal barely eight-and-a-half minutes into the game.

Rob Hoath, on a Cam Houle and Dale Zimmerman pass, scored the second Knights' goal just over seven minutes into the second period.

Jim Thorpe put the Knights ahead by two goals when he took a Disher pass and put the puck into the net.

The Bengals came back with just one second left in the second period, scoring a power-play goal while Zimmerman was off for slashing.

While Rick Ryan was off for an interference penalty, the Bengals tied the game at three when the home team scored its second power-play goal on the night.

The American team again went ahead by one goal to send the crowd into a wild frenzy.

Knights' captain Kent Loach came back and tied the game at four after taking a John Savarie pass with just 1:14 left in the third period.

In what looked to be a sure overtime game, the Bengals shot the puck past Knights' goalie Rob Wylde and won the game with just 12 seconds left to go.

Throughout the game, Wylde stopped 21 shots and kept his team in the game.

After the game, coach Bassi said the Bengals were an improved team. He said his team let down after the first period. "We'll have to score more goals and play more disciplined defensively."

The Knights record is 5-5-1. Tonight, the team travels to Sabreland in Wheatfield, N.Y. to play the University of Buffalo. A Bengal-Knight rematch will take place tomorrow night in the Welland Arena at 7:30 p.m.

Sports

High grades earn athletes awards

The Niagara College athletic department last week awarded Student Administrative Council Athletic Scholarships to four Niagara students for their academic standings and team contributions.

Sue Den Besten, women's volleyball; Mike Ticknovich, men's hockey; Fernando Colavecchia, men's volleyball; and Merv Wrighton, men's basketball, were honored.

Each recipient, with an academic average of 80 per cent or above, will receive a $250 scholarship.

After completing an entry form, the winners were selected by athletic co-ordinator Peter Rylander, hockey coach Fred Bassi and women's volleyball coach Judy Halaiko.

Sue, a first-year law and security student, is a strong force with the women's volleyball team. She maintains an average in the high 80's, while juggling a family with three children.

"I was surprised to get (the scholarship) because I thought I was too old," said the spunky 33-year-old student, adding "the money will come in handy though."

Balancing her studies and sport takes superb organizational skills but she says "if you like something a lot you'll find some ways to make it work."

Mike, a second-year law and security studnt, is one of two excellent goalies with the hockey team. He played a large part in the Knights' Intercollegiate Hockey League championship last year over Penn State.

Fernando, a third-year business marketing student, is a vital spiker with the men's volleyball team.

He said he's thrilled with the award and that "it came at the right time, especially with car payments, house payments . . . "

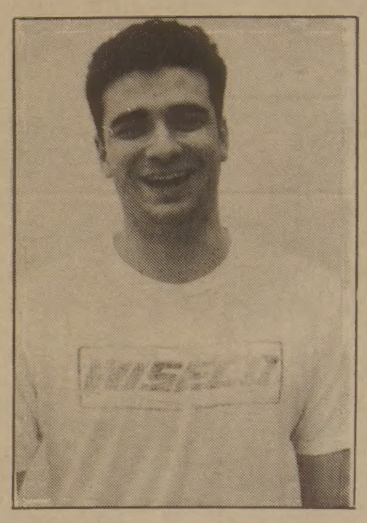
Although surprised at receiving the scholarship, Fernando admits his commitment to volleyball and studies. "I dedicate myself to both practice and school, giving each equal time. We're getting a lot of (school) work now though and with one game left and the play-offs it's going to be increased pressure."

Merv, a second-year broadcasting, radio, television and film student, was surprised when he heard the news. "I really thought Paul Weller would have a good chance at the award," he said. Merv is an outstanding centre on the men's basketball team.

The awards are given out to students who achieve a high academic average and play for one of the college's varsity teams.

MERV WRIGHTON

SUE DEN BESTEN



FERNANDO COLAVECCHIA

Heroes, heartbreaks come to 1992 Olympics

By BARON BEDESKY
Staff Writer

Much of the world is poised in anticipation as the 16th edition of the Winter Olympic games are about to begin.

More than any other sporting event, the Olympics somehow capture the fancy of people who are not normally sports fans.

When a Canadian athlete excels in his event by winning an Olympic medal, television viewers back home are instilled with a sense of pride. A victory for one of Canada's athletes is a victory for all of us. The diversion of a major international sporting event is a sorely needed shot in the arm at a time when Canadians are growing weary under the weight of potentially tiresome issues such as national unity and an alleged identity crisis.

If anyone disputes this, try to remember the initial feelings of denial or disbelief followed by anger and the sting of feeling cheated when the Ben Johnson fiasco became public knowledge four years ago in South Korea. Most Canadians still wince at those memories.

The Olympic movement is perhaps more vibrant than ever in light of recent developments in Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States. While political unrest continues to rear its ugly head throughout the world, there is at least a temporary and cautious lowering of the guard vis-a-vis the traditional perception of bi-polar global politics. With the demise of the ominous communist force formerly known as the Soviet Union, the world may be more inclined to embrace the goodwill generated by some old-fashioned athletic competition.

We'll be able to observe more than 172 hours of Winter Olympic coverage from Feb. 8 to Feb. 23 on the CBC alone. Together with coverage available on U.S. television networks, fans will easily be able to quench their thirst for sporting drama.

The best we can hope for is a meet free of the distractions which have plagued previous Olympic games. It's so much more inspiring to see the human drama, the elation of victory or a new world record, and even the tears of defeat, paraphrasing the famous introduction of television's Wide World of Sports.

No one wants to see or hear about the boycotts, the economic deficits and labor difficulties, the horrific terrorist attacks, or the steroid scandals that have marred so many previous Olympic competitions.

A successful Olympic games will run on schedule and perhaps even capture a whisper of the spirit the competition's originators were purported to have possessed in ancient Greece.

Of course, four or five Canadian gold medals would make these Olympic games just that much more successful.

Pressure's on volleyball team

By KARI CHWIECZAK
Staff Writer

The pressure to defeat Georgian College next Thursday is gradually mounting for the Niagara College men's volleyball team. It is crucial for the team to collect the needed points to gain a playoff position.

The team sports a 7-7 record, but lost to Conestoga College Jan. 30 in Kitchener in three straight games in a best-of-five wins match.

A win against Conestoga would have clinched a playoff spot for the Knights and knocked Conestoga out of contention.

"We should have beat them," said a disappointed Niagara Coach Ray Sarkis. "They're not a strong team. They didn't earn the win, we gave it to them."

In the first game, Niagara jumped to a 5-1 lead, but the team was not aggressive enough to keep the chemistry alive, and Conestoga rebounded for a 15-11 win.

Mental errors on defense caused Niagara to fall behind 6-1 in the second game, but they fought back to go ahead 8-7. Poor passing and inconsistent setting by the Niagara offence resulted in a 15-13 Conestoga win.

Niagara again built a strong 6-2 lead in the early stages of the third match, but could not hang on to win. Conestoga won the game and the match by the score of 15-11.

Niagara's Dan Tiessen, Jim Konrad and Fernando Colavecchia had six kills each in the three games, while Greg Heyder and Todd Johnston combined for 10 kills. Defensively, Heyder had six blocks and Colavecchia had four.

"Our digging in the back court was brutal," added Coach Sarkis. "I am truly disappointed with the outcome."

Niagara has one remaining chance for any post-season playoff spot when they suit up against Georgian College Feb. 13 in the Welland campus gymnasium. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Niagara rocks Hamilton

The Niagara College varsity curling team dominated the Hap Holman Spiel event held in Hamilton last weekend.

Niagara's varsity men's team finished in first place and won the gold while the mixed team finished third and won the bronze. Mohawk College placed second and came home with a silver.

The mixed team won both of its games by scores of 8-6 and 7-4. Players for the team were Michael Smith, skip; Tracey Nielson, vice; Jason Berger, second, and Leanne Lotteridge, lead.

Players on the men's team were Mike Hamilton, skip; Greg Upshall, vice; Murray Robertson, second, and Ken Roland, lead. The team lost its first game 6-4 but came back and won the second 6-5.

Unfortunately, the faculty team, after winning both games, missed the bronze by one point.

Team members were Stu Black, John Killip, Tony Adams, and John Peacock.

Because of the weekend games, a challenge has been issued by the Mohawk College board of govenors. Mohawk has challenged John Saso and the board of govenors to a game next year.

The varsity team will go to Ottawa for the regional playoffs later this month.

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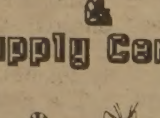

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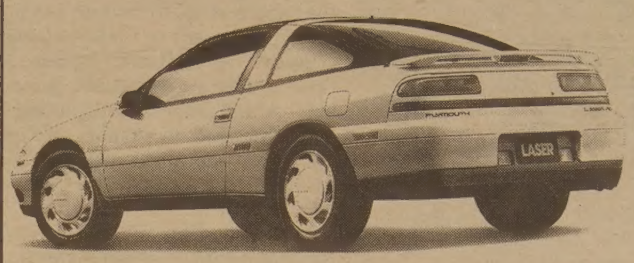

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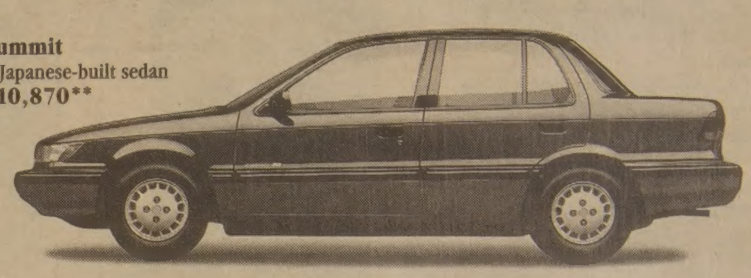

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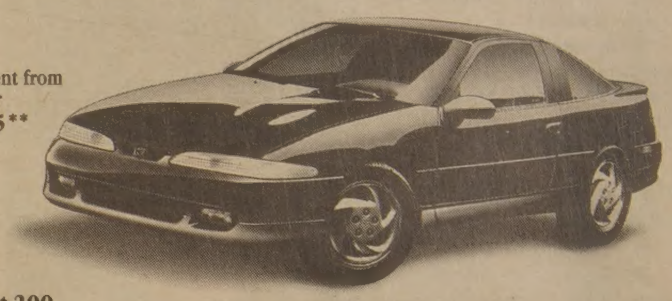

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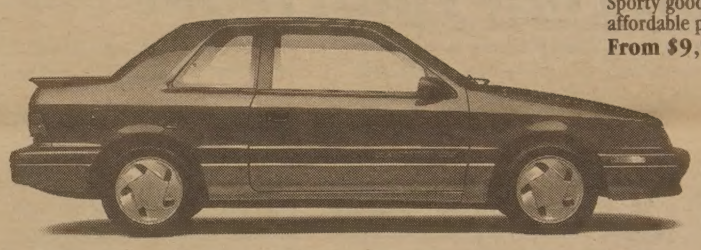

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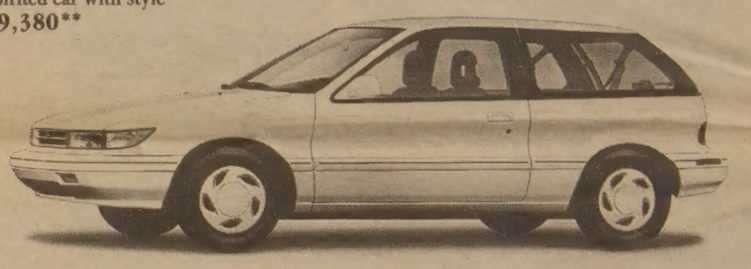

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